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Traffic violators hit with hefty fines

Mysuru, Sept.7 (RK&BCT)- As announced yesterday, the City Police this morning started the implementation of hefty traffic fines on violators as stipulated in the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act 2019. Several offenders were caught off guard in busy junctions where Policemen lay in wait to catch offenders.

The drive began across the city at around 11.15 am and it was only Inspectors who implemented the rules and collected fines. As the Police are yet to calibrate hand-held machines to the revised fines, manual challans were issued today. For compoundable offences, the fines will be collected by Traffic Police and the Court will decide on non-compoundable offences.

In the absence of Inspector Sooraj, who is attending a Court matter, Sub-Inspector Lepaksha of Devaraja Traffic Division booked offenders near the junction of Sayyaji Rao Road and Devaraja Market Gate.

Devaraja Traffic Sub-Inspector Lepaksha, donning a body-worn camera, seen issuing a traffic violation challan to a violator on Sayyaji Rao Road in city this morning.

Within a few minutes, he booked 9 cases for not wearing seat belt, helmet-less riding, pillion rider not wearing a helmet, auto drivers not wearing uniform and lack of number plate.

Likewise, NR Traffic Police led by Inspector Yogesh booked violators near Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle, V.V. Puram team led by Inspector B.G. Prakash booked violators near B.M. Habitat Mall at Jayalakshmipuram, Kuvempunagar Traffic Police checked vehicles near All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Krishnaraja Traffic Police at Agrahara Circle and Siddarthanagar Traffic Police at Kurubarahalli Road near Lalitha Mahal Palace.

(See TRAFFIC on page 18)

What are mParivahan and DigiLocker?

Police will accept e-documents from two government portals — DigiLocker and mParivahan. Both Apps can be downloaded on Play Store. DigiLocker is an online service provided by Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India, under its Digital India Initiative while mParivahan provides transport service access to citizens through a mobile-based application. This App empowers citizens with instant access to various information, services and utilities related to the transport sector. DigiLocker can also store other important documents like Aadhaar card and PAN card.

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Novel *Nada Habba*

Mysuru, wearing attractively got up looks, is once again witnessing advance action by both functionaries in the State Government and the city's residents who are known to nurture festival-related customs that have endured for centuries and cherish the celebrations with undying enthusiasm. The once-in-a-year event, *Navaratri* in the orthodox circles and *Dasara* in public domain begins on 29th day of this month and concludes on 8th day of next month. While it is well nigh impossible to calculate the cash outgo for the celebrations from the citizens, individually as well as the many tradition-respecting groups, the State Government's spend this time, as sanctioned, is reportedly 18.5 crore rupees. As usual, the post-festival days will witness criticism, observations and remarks with words of both adulation and accusation, particularly of the officialdom that are bound to pass into the record rooms of the media in due course of time. In this backdrop, the call by the District-in-Charge Minister to come up with *unique* and *novel* ideas from the officials to make the festival celebration grand augurs well for the city and its residents.

The annual festival's core message being *victory of good over evil*, its celebration as *Navaratri* in 2010 marked its 400th anniversary, the tradition originating in the year 1610 during the rule of Raja Wadiyar (1578-1617), the then monarch of the Kingdom. Royal patronage for celebrating *Navaratri* having ceased, the scale of action now rests with the successive Governments, supplemented by people's inputs. Has the festival's message, mentioned above, lost its place in the glitz and glamour at present is for people to ponder.

***Navaratri* festival's spiritual fervour, while enduring to this day is more visible in the *homes* of Mysureans sticking to time-honoured customs, beliefs as well as traditions and places of worship while the factor of entertainment has tended to dominate public functions, although concerts of renowned exponents of classical music in many languages contribute to the stable ways of celebrations. Open invitation to *officials only* to come up with ideas for unique and novel ways of celebrations may have to be extended to *aam aadmi* of Mysuru and elsewhere. Whatever way the festival gets going, while charges of apathy on the part of those in charge cannot be avoided, safeguarding life and limbs of citizens as well as the assets, including heritage structures across the district, in addition to not compromising on cleanliness and sanitation call for vigil by both public servants and the city's public at large.**

Every visitor, either from other countries or from within, coming to the city to witness the festival's celebrations, will be virtual brand ambassador to Mysuru's culture. That should awaken all citizens and administration in the city to act in unison.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

If you asked Arun Jaitley what the proudest moment of his legal career was, he would perhaps stare blank-facedly for ten seconds, let out a flicker of a smile and throw a googly at you—it was his argument, not in court, but in Parliament to impeach Soumitra Sen, a sitting Judge of Calcutta High Court. Sen had been accused of financial impropriety and the enquiry committee was clear in its recommendations to impeach. But in a virtuoso performance in Parliament, Sen had convinced most members that he was being made a scapegoat. Jaitley replied to every point made by Sen and in a masterful combination of reasoned argument and powerful oratory, ensured that any sympathy that MPs felt for him was short-lived. The Rajya Sabha impeached Sen and realising that his time was up, he resigned.
— Arghya Sengupta in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman feeds crows and receives 'gifts' in return

San Fransisco: A San Francisco woman who befriended the crows that frequent her apartment window said they have an arrangement -- she gives them food, and they bring her gifts.

Melinda Green said she started feeding two families of crows that congregate outside her Marina District apartment about three years ago and the crows have "rules established," where they will watch for her blinds to be open and then come to collect treats from her fire escape landing and windowsill.

She said the crows started leaving her gifts in exchange for the food. She said they have brought her portions of a champagne bottle, gummy bears, colorful rocks, bones, nuts and strange bits of antique electronics. "At this point I am sure they are gifts. They're showing appreciation for the food. They seem to have long-term relationships and to raise one or two children at a time in nuclear families. The parents are clearly actively teaching their children. They clearly want to show them where the nice lady lives and how to get treats from her." she said.

Man fined for driving with car strapped on another

Ceredigion: A Welsh driver was ordered to pay a fine after he was caught on video transporting a disabled car by balancing it on the roof of another car.

Glyndwr Wyn Richards, 51, pleaded guilty in Aberystwyth Magistrates' Court to using a vehicle with a load likely to cause danger of injury after he was caught on video driving his Volkswagen Passat with a Skoda Octavia strapped to its roof.

He told the Court that he transported the car less than 1,000 feet.

He admitted the stunt was a "stupid thing to do." Richards was given three penalty points on his driver's license and ordered to pay a $97 fine and $140 in court costs.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What age group of the American population is growing the fastest?

The 90-and-over segment of the US population is increasing faster than any other age group, having nearly tripled in the last 30 years, and having reached 1.9 million in 2010. Over the next 40 years, the number of nonagenarians is expected to quadruple.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Hindustani Sitar recital tomorrow

Ustad Shafique Khan

Pt. D.K. Satalingappa

Raaga Vaibhava Trust, Mysuru, founded fifteen years ago in Mysuru due to the combined efforts of ten classical music-lovers, has been organising four to five programmes every year by top-rate artistes in the field, thus promoting the art in a big way. Added to music programmes, once in a way, a classical dance programme by top artistes in the field is also arranged.

The present programme on the 8th (Sunday) at 6 pm is a classical Hindustani Sitar Recital by the well-known Sitarist of the day **Ustad Shafique Khan,** accompanied by **Pandit D.K. Satalingappa** on tabla.

The venue of the programme is 'Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan' at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, Mysuru.

About the artistes

Ustad Shafique Khan (the Sitarist) is a sixth generation musician in a family of musicians and is a grandson of 'Sitar Ratna' Rahiyat Khan. His father Prof. Abdul Karim Khan groomed him to become what he is today. The family is from Dharwad.

The Ustad's style mainly stresses on the finer aspects of playing the beautiful sitar with a melodious blend of 'Gaayaki Ang' and 'Tantca Kari Ang' both of which reverberate in his style of playing giving a soothing effect to the ears of the connoisseurs. Naturally, the Ustad has travelled widely all over the country and abroad giving his performances. He has won many accolades and titles from several Sabhas in India and abroad. He is also a prominent 'A' Top artiste of the Dharwad Station of AIR.

The tabla artiste Pandit Satalingappa from Hyderabad is a well-known accompanist and a 'A-Top' artist of AIR. He has also given his concerts abroad and all over the country. The programme is free for all connoisseurs of music.

—M.L. Krishnaswami

Really...?

- ***Spitting spiders belong to the family Scytodidae, which contains 239 species from every corner of the globe. They tend to be more active at night, and gravitate towards the warm and cosy confines of caves or houses, keeping out of sight in dark crevices, closets, and under rocks during the day. The good news is they are not dangerous to humans.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two girls were sitting at a Club. One was ugly and the other beautiful. Pappu came and walked straight to the ugly girl.
Pappu: *"Hi."*
Ugly girl: *"Hi."*
Pappu: *"Wanna dance?"*
Ugly girl (excited): *"Yes, why not?"*
Pappu: *"Ok, go and dance, give me your seat; let me talk to your friend!"*

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VOICE OF THE READER

Alternative road needed in N'gud to avoid detour during floods

Sir,

The recent nationwide flood devastation is yet green (nay red) in my memory. Normal life got paralysed, rendering many homeless. Nanjangud too was prey to this nature's fury that literally cut off the road link to the town for almost a week, as Kapila river swell to the brim and touched the road near Mallanamoole, and traffic got diverted.

Last year too saw similar situation. As the rail/ road bridges were slightly above the water level, vehicle movement was not affected on this part, but traffic had to be diverted as the road between Chikkayana Chatra village and Basavanapura Gate is at a low level and river water naturally inundated this stretch.

As floods recur each year, to ensure uninterrupted vehicle flow without diversion/disruption, I have a suggestion to the concerned. A road may be laid opposite the Prasanna Nanjundeshwara temple in Chikkayana Chatra, adjoining the Rampur canal, continue till the Mallanamoole Swamiji's bungalow overlooking the Mutt building (at an altitude than the present), terminate it at the Basavanapura gate (near Kabini bridge) to join the NH-766. This would be ideal and saves lot of fuel and time if circuitous route taken. Will the District Administration look into this?

—N.Devarajan

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Free counselling on World Suicide Prevention Day on Sept.10

Mysuru, Sept.7- St. Mary's Psychiatric, De-addiction and Rehabilitation Centre, Ashokapuram, near Silk factory, Manandavadi Road, has organised a free counselling in view of World Suicide Prevention Day on Sept.10 from 9 am to 5 pm. For details contact Mob: 9972854021 or 9739967550.

Annual General Meetings tomorrow

Mysuru, Sept. 7- The Annual General Meeting of following co-operative societies will be held on Sept. 8 (Sunday). Details:

Sri Sharada Pattina Sahakara Sangha Niyamitha: Venue: Veene Sheshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar; Time: 10.30 am.

Vishwaadhara House Building Co-operative Society: Venue: Society Premises, No. 1739, I floor, 4th Cross, Anikethana Road, Kuvempunagar; Time: 10.30 am

Sri Keshava Pattina Sahakara Sangha: Venue: Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road; Time: 10.30 am.

Khaddar Co-operative Society Ltd.: Venue: The Mysore City Co-operative Housing Society Platinum Jubilee Community Hall, Nalabeedi, near Chamaraja Double Road; Time: 10.30 am.

Sri Banashankari Credit Co-operative Society Ltd.: Venue: Devanga Sangha, Kalamma Temple Street, Time: 11 am.

Sri Vagdevi Souharda Credit Co-operative Society Ltd.: Venue: Aradhya Mahasabha Bhavan, JLB Road, Time: 11 am.

Hiriya Nagarikara Seva Samithi: Venue: 'Sadhana', No. 1588, Narayanamrutha Foundation, next to Euro Kids, 80ft Road, near Sangam Circle, Hebbal 2nd Stage, Time: 11am.

No power supply on Sept. 8

Mysuru, Sept.7- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Sept. 8) between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Ashoka Road, Lakshkar Mohalla, Tilaknagar, Mission Hospital, Gandhi Square, Old Bank Road, K.T. Street, Dodda Vokkaligara Beedhi, Irwin Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Olympia Talkies, Pulikeshi Road, Kailasapuram, Mandi Mohalla, Rajkmal Talkies and surrounding areas, Shivarampet, KR Hospital, Boti Bazar, Dhanvanthri Road and surrounding areas, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Pratibha Puraskar

The Management Committee of Masjid-e-Mubeen at N.R. Mohalla has organised Pratibha Puraskar programme for meritorious Muslim community students of Masjid's jurisdiction who have scored 90% and above in SSLC and PUC exams (2018-19) on Sept.8 after Namaz-e-Asar (5.30 pm) at the Masjid premises.

Invest in gold

One can now invest their money in Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme at Indian Postal Department and benefit from rising gold price by getting attractive interest rates. This scheme is open from Sept.9 to 13 and is available at Rs.50 less than market price of 24 carat 99.9% pure gold. The tenure of the scheme is for a period of eight years with exit option after fifth year and one can opt for just 1 g to 4 kg gold. For details, contact the nearest Post Office.

Dak Adalat

Mysore Postal Department will be conducting Dak Adalat at the divisional office of Mysore Postal Department on Sept.9 at 11 am. Public can submit their grievances in writing before Sept.8 to the Superintendent of Posts, Mysuru Division.

Aadhaar Kendra at BSNL

BSNL Mysore Telecom District is starting Aadhaar Seva Kendra for all Aadhaar related services with the support and guidance of UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) from Sept.7 at BSNL Customer Service Centre, behind St. Joseph's College, Jayalakshmipuram during office hours from 10 am to 4 pm, according to BSNL PRO.

Training in Pisciculture

The Fisheries Department has invited applications from unemployed candidates for one-month training in Pisciculture at the Inland Pisciculture Training Centre, KRS, Mandya district. Candidates should be literate and between 18 and 40 years. A stipend of Rs.2,000 will be paid. Application can be had from the taluk office of the Fisheries Department and filled in applications must be submitted to the Centre before Sept.30. For details, call Mob: 95353-73793.

Office shifted

The office of The Project Director, District Urban Development Cell, hitherto functioning at Room No.9 of DC office, has been shifted to the premises of new District Offices Complex, second floor, Siddhartha Nagar, Bannur-T.Narasipura Road, according to a press release.

Bandipur night traffic ban

SC grants 4 more weeks to Centre on alternative road

New Delhi, Sept.7 (UNI& Agencies)- The Supreme Court on Friday gave additional four weeks time to the Centre to respond to its suggestion for developing an alternative route as the National Highway in order to ensure that the roads passing through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve are shut down permanently, a move that would keep endangered species away from harm by exposing them to highway traffic.

A Bench of Justices Rohinton Nariman and Surya Kant also allowed Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, along with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to file its response in the matter. The Top Court on Aug.7 had directed that the ban on night traffic would continue to operate.

Out of NH-212 connecting Kollegal in Karnataka with Kozhikode in Kerala via Mysuru, 24.5 km goes through the core area of the Bandipur Tiger Reserve. Of which, 19.7 km is in Karnataka and 4.80 km in Kerala. The other portion of the road — 10.10 km

— also goes through the Wild Life Sanctuary, being part of the buffer zone. Out of this, 4.50 km runs through Karnataka and 5.6 km through Kerala. As such, as much as 34.60 km of road passes through the protected area.

Observing that since the issue related to nothing less than the core area of the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, the Court had then ordered that the night traffic ban on the National Highway 212 (passing through Bandipur Tiger Reserve) should remain in operation.

It had then asked the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to give suggestions within four weeks as to how NH-275 and State Highway number 90 (Mysuru-Virajpet Road) can be developed into a National Highway.

"What needs to be done is the strengthening of an alternative route. Therefore, we direct the Union Government's Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in consultation with the Ministry of Environment and Forest to file an affidavit within four weeks with suggestions on the closure of it in long run," the Bench said.

The petitioners contended the roads through the core and buffer zones of tiger conservation areas ought not to be permitted at all. They cited Section 38V of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 which stated the core or critical tiger habitat areas of National Parks and Sanctuaries were required to be kept as inviolate for the purposes of tiger conservation, without affecting the rights of the Scheduled Tribes or such other forest dwellers.

National Tiger Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Environment & Forests suggested to maintain the status quo — that is, ban on night traffic on the stretch between 9 pm and 6 am. The Karnataka Government, on its part, maintained that steps have been taken to strengthen the alternative route to the city of Mysuru, which comprised part NH-275 and part State Highway 90.

The advocate representing Karnataka submitted that an alternative route is being developed at a cost of approximately over Rs.70 crore. The alternative roads are via Hunsur-Gonikoppa-Kutta-Manandavadi-Kattikkulam and via Konanur-Makutta and Madikeri-Kutta. Karnataka advocate submitted that all these roads are in a very good condition and all the roads, connecting North Kerala, are in use during both day and night and the alternative road is only 35-km-long.

D.K. Shivakumar questioned in ED office; put behind bars

D.K. Shivakumar

New Delhi, Sept.7- Congress MLA and former Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS), who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money-laundering case, was questioned under custody at the ED office here for the third consecutive day on Friday.

Shivakumar was arrested by the ED on the night of Sept.3, after being questioned for four days. Following his arrest, Shivakumar was kept at a Police rest room on the first day and the second day, he was put behind bars in a cell of Tughlak Road Police Station which is said to have mentally shattered him.

Standing behind bars, Shivakumar with tears rolling down his eyes, is said to have told the Police that he was a top leader in Karnataka and now the BJP has brought him to this disgusting situation.

Even as Shivakumar has been put behind bars, former CM and top JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) visited DKS' mother Gowramma at his (DKS) native village Dodda Alahalli in Kanakapura taluk and expressed his solidarity with her. Kumaraswamy pacified an inconsolable Gowramma that her son Shivakumar would come out of the case.

Later speaking to press persons, HDK alleged that Shivakumar has been targeted by the Centre of protecting Gujarat Congress Legislators during last year's Rajya Sabha elections.

Accusing BJP of misusing central agencies like CBI, ED, I-T etc., HDK wondered why these agencies had not carried out raids on BJP leaders for the alleged 'Operation Lotus,' which was aimed at poaching Congress and JD(S) MLAs by offering huge sums of money.

HDK calls on DKS' mother

Vokkaligas to stage massive protest on Sept.9

Mysuru, Sept.7 (RKB&DM)- Upset over the arrest of former Minister D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) by the ED, Vokkaliga Associations have decided to stage a massive protest in city on Sept.9.

At a meeting held at Vokkaliga Samudaya Bhavan in Vidyaranyapuram here yesterday, the community leaders resolved to take out a massive apolitical rally in the heart of the city.

The rally will be taken out from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate at 11 am on Sept.9 to the DC's office, where a memorandum will be submitted. Accusing the ED of ill-treating DKS, a powerful leader of the State, the Vokkaliga leaders strongly condemned the treatment meted out to fellow community member DKS.

District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijay Kumar, City Congress President R. Murthy, Congress leader K. Harish Gowda, former Corporator Prashanth Gowda, Corporators K.V. Sridhar and Shivakumar, ZP Member Madegowda and Vokkaligara Sangha office-bearers were among those who attended the meeting.

MLA's car involved in yet another accident

Motorist injured; out of danger

S.A. Ramdas

Mandya, Sept.7 (Nagaiah& VNS)- A 50-year-old man was injured after BJP MLA S.A. Ramdas' car hit his motorcycle near Kirangadooru Gate located on the outskirts of the Sugar Town on Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway yesterday.

The injured has been identified as Shivanna, a resident of Bilgooli village. Soon after the incident, Ramdas shifted the injured person to Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences (MIMS).

The MLA left the hospital only after the doctors assured that Shivanna was doing well and was out of danger.

However, Ramdas assured Shivanna of providing additional treatment if necessary before leaving to Bengaluru in another car. The Police said that the incident occurred when Shivanna was taking a U-turn near the Jyoti International Hotel on the Highway. A case has been registered at Mandya West Police Station.

This is the second time in two weeks that the Krishnaraja MLA's car has met with an accident.

It may be recalled that Ramdas had a narrow escape on Aug.23 at Jalsuru near Sullia when his car crashed into a roadside drain at about 7.15 am.

Ramdas, who was sitting in the front seat, had suffered minor injuries.

Leg-spin wizard Abdul Qadir passes away

Lahore, Sept.7- Former Pakistan spinner Abdul Qadir, credited for reviving the art of leg-spin in 1970s and 80s, died of a heart attack in his hometown Lahore, yesterday. Qadir, who would have turned 64 on Sept.15, was one of favourites of former Pakistan captain Imran Khan, now Pakistan's Prime Minister.

Qadir made his Test debut against England in 1977 and went on to play 67 Tests, taking 236 wickets with a best of 9-65 against England at the same venue in 1987.

Those figures are still the best by a Pakistan bowler in a Test innings. He also took 132 wickets in 104 One-Day Internationals (ODIs), with Imran using him as an attacking weapon in the 1983 World Cup held in England. He played last of his international matches in 1993.

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Obituary

K.B. Shadakshari

Mysuru, Sept.7- K.B. Shadakshari (80), a former Deputy Director of Horticulture and a resident of KHB Colony, Kuvempunagar here, passed away on Thursday. He leaves behind his wife Nagamma, son Nagendra Prasad, an advocate and daughter Nanda. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Thursday.

S.K. Nagaraj

S.K. Nagaraj (84), a retired Railway Superintendent and a resident of Jayanagar, passed away here yesterday.

He leaves behind a host of relatives and friends. After retirement, he had engaged himself in social service.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Zameel Ahmed Khan

Zameel Ahmed Khan (53), a resident of Bannimantap, passed away at a private hospital here yesterday following a brief illness. He is the son of late Abdul Azeez Khan of Islamia Cloth Mart on Ashoka Road in city. He leaves behind his wife and three sons.

Last rites were performed at Bade Makhan burial ground near Tipu Circle this afternoon.

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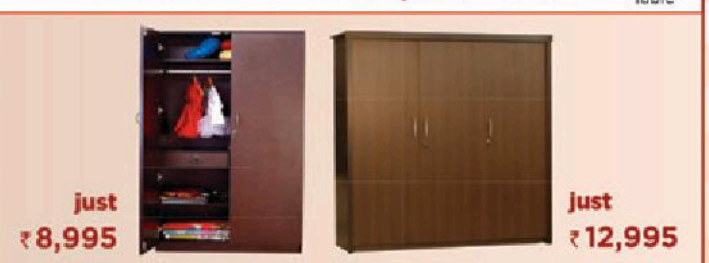

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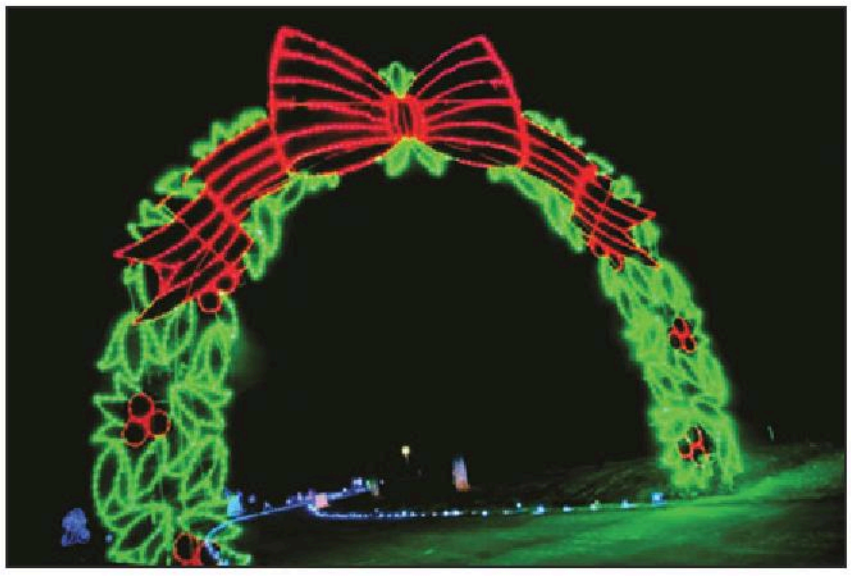
Dazzling Dasara awaits you this year



Mysuru, Sept.7 (YDS&BCT)- 'City of Lights' is one of the sobriquets earned by Mysuru with others being 'City of Palaces', 'Heritage City' and 'Cultural Capital'. True to this sobriquet, during Dasara, the city glows with lights all over and it is a treat to go around the streets amidst illuminated landmark buildings and arches. And as if an icing on the cake, it is a visual extravaganza to watch the illuminated Mysuru from atop the Chamundi Hill.

Starting from the iconic Mysore Palace to streets and shops in the Central Business District and surrounding areas, all Government buildings and arches are illuminated to reflect the land's rich cultural heritage.

This Dasara, starting from Sept.29, the illumination task will be on the lines of Durga Puja in Kolkata, West Bengal and will also follow the pattern that was practiced during the time of Maharajas.

This was decided at a meeting of engineers, contractors and sponsors of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited held recently at CESC office in Hinkal.

The meeting decided to make this Dasara illumination a memorable one so that people can recall Mysuru Dasara Illumination whenever they see any other illuminated city.

Unique heritage illumination

Chairing the meeting, CESC Managing Director H.N. Gopalakrishna said that West Bengal is known for Durga Puja pandals and its illumination.

"We have earned appreciation from public, tourists and the official machinery for illuminating Mysuru since the last four to five years. This year it has to be extraordinary. Mysuru District Minister V. Somanna has told us categorically to go for something new this year. Thrust should be on those designs which emphasises the heritage significance of the city," he said.

Gopalakrishna said that the Minister has directed CESC not to make the celebrations as an extension of a village fair but draw up plans to make the festival a grand success and a

memorable one.

"Only those colour bulbs emitting lux to the minimum level should be used against using multi-coloured bulbs. It would be better to use yellow and white colour bulbs," he opined.

He instructed designers and sponsors not to mar the beauty of the statues of Maharajas of Mysuru in the name of illumination.

Revolving dolls

Among the illumination icons planned for Dasara are giant arches that have a symbol of the traditional Damaruga, road stretches with illuminated designs that look like tree branches, artistic false ceiling, flower decorations, light-bursting structures, illuminated revolving dolls, vertical and horizontal structures, welcome arches on different roads etc.

To illuminate Government buildings, the model of Karnataka Raj Bhavan model will be followed and heritage building illumination will be given importance. Engineers and contractors were told not to nail trees while fixing the lights. There are instances of trees dying due to excessive nailing.

Local sponsors

Contractors and sponsors have been asked to contact reputed illumination firms and invite them to light up circles, buildings and other prominent venues. Preference will be given to local sponsors and sponsors of previous years and new sponsors will be considered only if earlier sponsors back off. Sponsors can also display their names but not to the extent of marring the purpose of illumination, they were told.

Extended hours

CESC SE Munigopala Raju, who gave a detailed presentation, said that illumination hours will be extended for one hour on regular days and for two hours on *Ayudha Puja* and *Jumboo Savari* days. As per plan, illumination hours will be from 7 pm to 10 pm on the regular days against 7 pm to 9 pm in the previous years. On *Ayudha Puja* and *Vijayadashami* days, the lighting will be up to 11 pm.

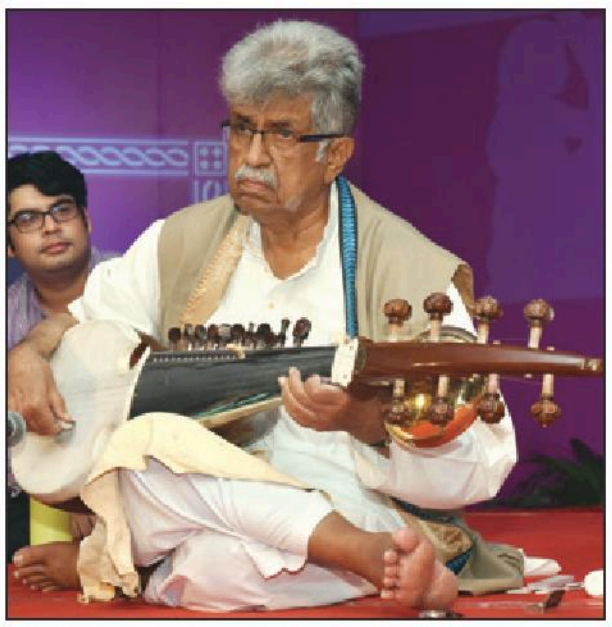
Faults explained

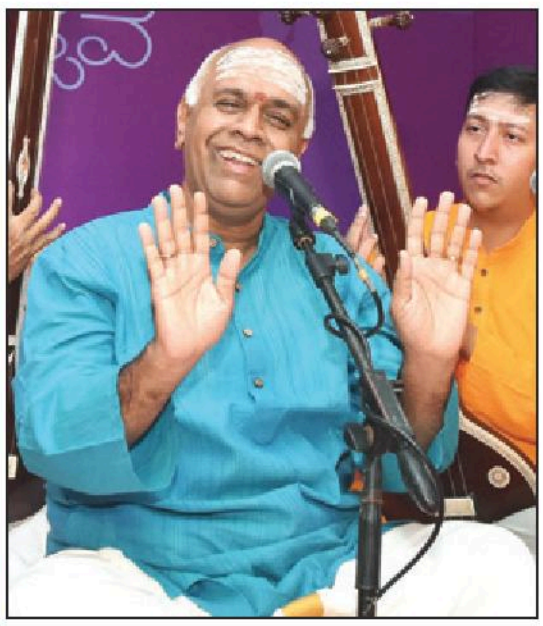
In the presentation, last year's illuminated circles and landmarks were demonstrated and the faults were explained.

Also, the illumination done in various world cities were demonstrated for contractors and engineers to have an idea about this year's expectations.

Retired MUDA Commissioner Jayanna, who is now the advisor for TVS Group, Nagendra of J.K. Tyre, Suhas from Shubham Electronics, representatives from Sumangali Silk, Sona Motors, L&T, Gopalagowda Hospital, Mall of Mysore and others were present.

Young, veterans perform at 8th Cross Pandal





Pradyumna Uday Karpur presenting tabla recital at 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, last evening as part of the ongoing 58th Heritage Music Festival with Ganeshotsava organised by Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust. Picture centre shows Sarod maestro Pt. Rajeev Taranath performing at the 8th Cross Pandal yesterday. Picture extreme right shows Vijay Siva (Chennai) rendering a vocal recital on Thursday. He was accompanied by Trivandrum Sampath on violin, Manoj Siva on mridanga and G.S. Ramanujam on ghata. Today at 6.45 pm, Bangalore Brothers — S. Ashok and M.B. Hariharan — will give a vocal duet concert with Matthur Srinidhi on violin, H.S. Sudheendra on mridanga and Phaneendra Bhaskar on ghata.

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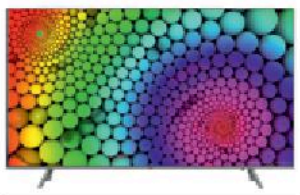
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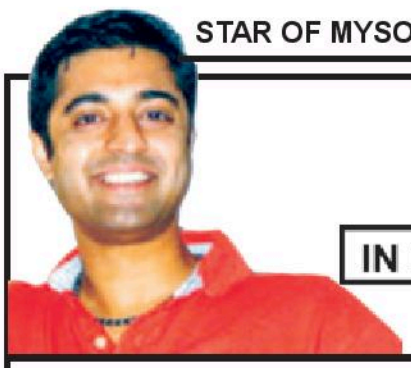

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Vikram Muthanna

Down... but not out

Last night, many who were waiting for that moment of glory and pride were left screaming "*Vikram yellidiyappa*..." as the Moon Lander lost communication with the ground station of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

While Vikram remains incommunicado leaving many disheartened, it has reignited enthusiasm and curiosity among Indians, both young and old, about Space Science and science in general. The last time some of us felt this way was 35 years ago.

In 1984, I wore a large white full-face helmet, a white puffy jacket with the Indian flag patch sewed to the arm and puffy pants stitched by my mother. I had dressed as Rakesh Sharma for the annual school fancy dress competition because on April 2, 1984, Rakesh Sharma became the first Indian to travel in space and there was great jubilation and national pride.

Interestingly after Rakesh Sharma, although there have been astronauts of Indian origin, there never has been an Indian citizen. Just as a side note, a space explorer is called an astronaut if they are trained at NASA following their systems and if they are trained at the Russian Space agency they are called cosmonauts.

By the way, India has another cosmonaut other than Rakesh Sharma, his name is Ravish Malhotra. He was the backup for Rakesh Sharma and trained along with him in Russia. But alas history has forgotten him.

Rakesh Sharma's space travel also triggered a lot of interest in space science and many youngsters pursued this as a career option. When we saw numerous ISRO personnel sitting in front of computer screens at the Mission Operations Complex (MOX) yesterday most of them looked like they were from the Rakesh Sharma-enthused era. May be, as much as ISRO wanted this Moon landing, India needed this re-ignition of scientific interest. For far too long, Indian education has been catering for "employment" rather than "excellence".

Many wonder why a nation like India must explore the Moon or even have a space programme. Well, it's not just about being explorers, being in the 'space race' or national pride, it's also about science and making life better here on Earth. Thousands of space science inventions and tech-innovations have been used on Earth.

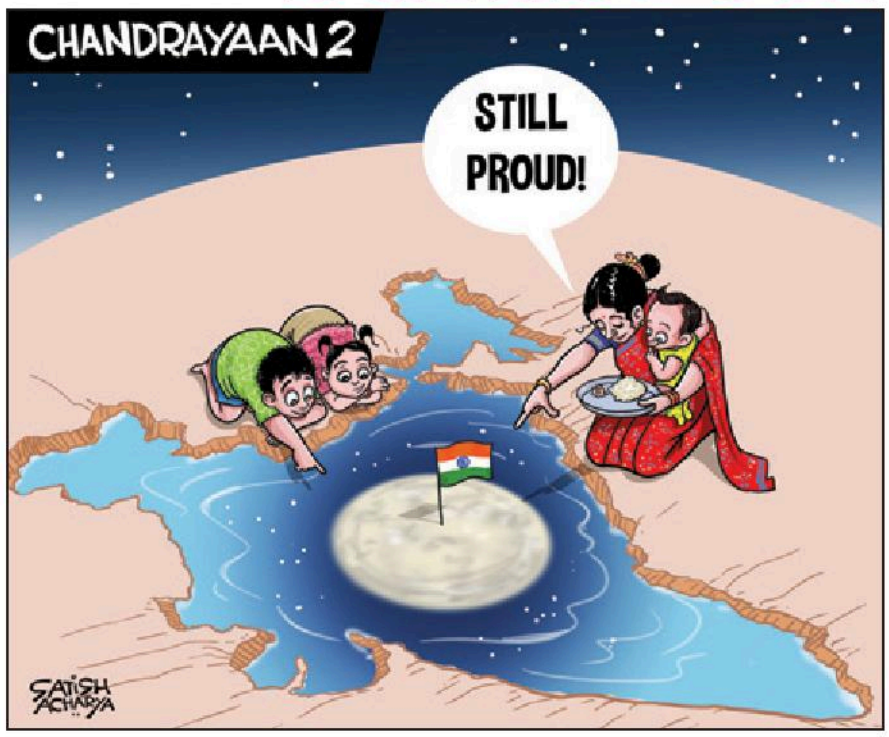
To give an example, the cooling suits used by astronauts today is used to help people with multiple sclerosis whose symptoms are exacerbated by heat. Infrared ear thermometer, Cochlear ear, Lasik eye surgery and even invisible braces own their existence to space tech!

Even in the transportation space anti-icing system in aircraft and radial tyres are space tech. Then we have inventions such as enriched baby food, freeze-dried food, cordless vacuum cleaner, fire resistance fabric, even something as simple as the exercise machine *Bowflex*, all these were born out of scientists inventing technology for space exploration.

ISRO is not far behind. Since its inception, ISRO has transferred over 300 space technology innovations to Indian industries. This year, ISRO formed a company named 'New Space India Limited' (NSIL), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) that will commercialise its innovations and technologies.

Bureaucrat Vs Professional

Yesterday's achievements also show what happens when a professional runs an institution, instead of a bureaucrat. Also there was something interesting in how ISRO Director Dr. K. Sivan reacted to the loss of Vikram this morning as he was hugged by PM Modi and sobbed his heart out.



He probably saw himself as having let the country down and broke down even though there is so much to be proud of. I wonder if any bureaucrat heading any PSU can ever have such an emotion and a sense of personal responsibility and accountability.

Also, the visuals of the control centre were very interesting. It was a floor filled with ordinariness, doing something extraordinary. A room full of very middleclass, middle-aged bright Indians doing something worldclass and space-aged without pomp or "attitude". It was a very humbling sight, a reflection of ordinary hard-working Indians — humble when praised and calm in disappointment. Even more beautiful was the sight of women-to-men ratio. There were just about as many women as men in that control room. Also, two women seem to be dominating the proceedings, one of whom is from Mysuru! You will hear more about her in *SOM* soon.

Media frenzy

The only people who were going over the top were as usual the media. One TV channel even declared that Vikram had landed on the Moon! And the very next line said, "Communication lost". Another channel had a panellist who had brought an obstruction-sensing toy car wrapped in a gold foil to show how the rover would move. One channel asked the Indian ambassador to Madagascar K. Abhay to read out his 'Moon Anthem'. Then there was a lot of media coverage for the Shillong Chamber Choir, which was supposed to sing a special version of *Vande Mataram* as Vikram landed.

It was all over the top, self-congratulatory and needlessly over-confident of success. It would make one cringe and scream "can't you'll wait till we land please".

For now, as we hope and wait to hear from Vikram, we might as well listen to the advice of our Prime Minister who said "There is no failure in science, only experiment". I wonder what a PUC student who has taken PCMB has to say to this.

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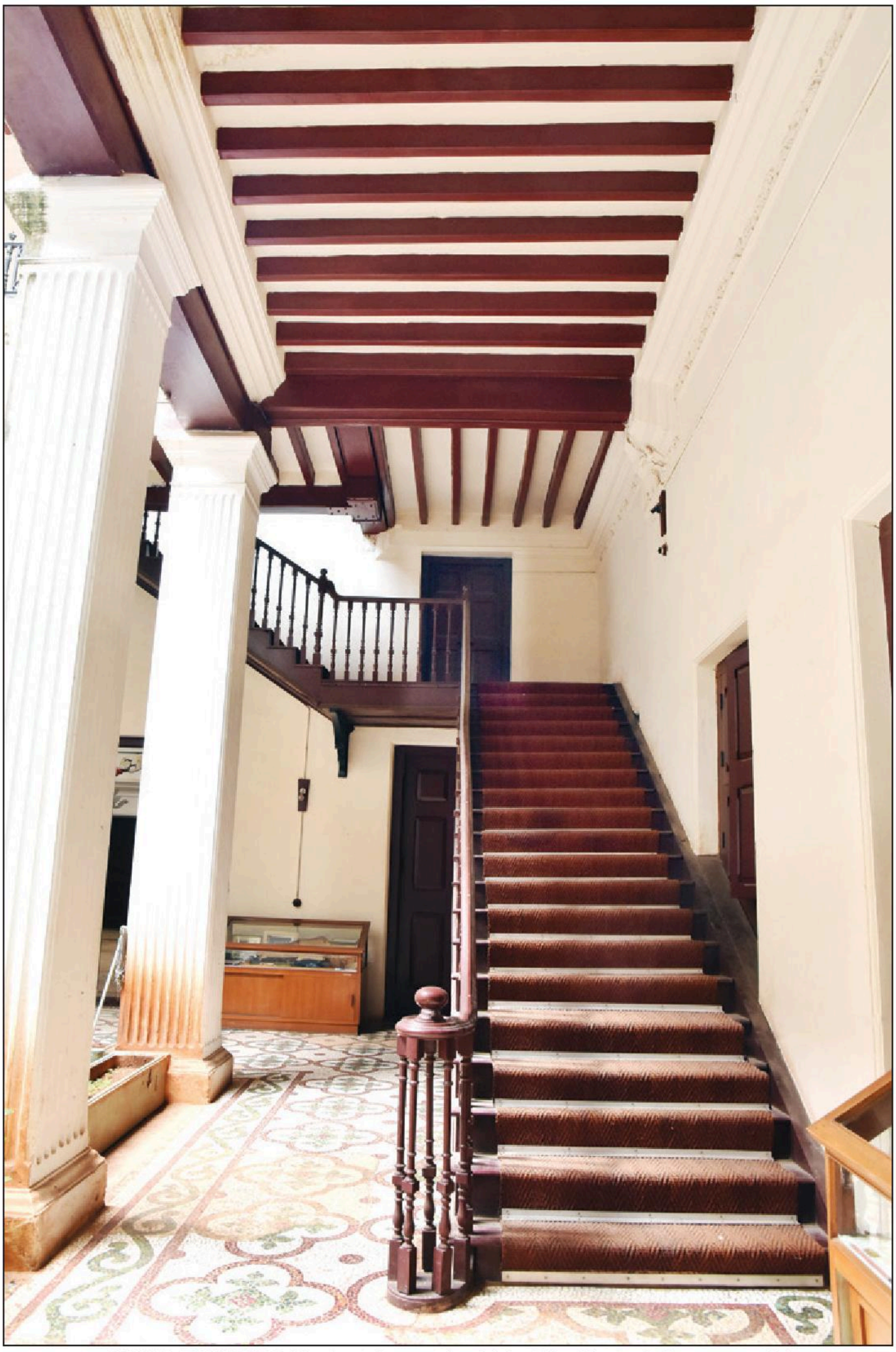

STARING AT STAIRCASE: ***Wooden staircase at Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion in Manasagangothri.***

A perfect stair case can transform a space, add value and be a real wow-factor for a building. A set of bespoke wooden stairs is a fantastic option, adding a touch of freshness, functionality and natural beauty. The freshness of a wooden finish is a trend that will never fall out of fashion, making the most of the natural beauty and bringing an aspect of the outdoors in. If builders now have opted for stylish designs in concrete and iron — may be due to non-availability of wood — builders of the past opted for a minimalistic style with a straight, zigzag staircase, or veer towards a look of grandeur with a helical stair depending on the building needs. This *Weekend Star Supplement* **takes you on a journey of such magical and suave staircases in Mysuru City.**

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Wooden Staircases

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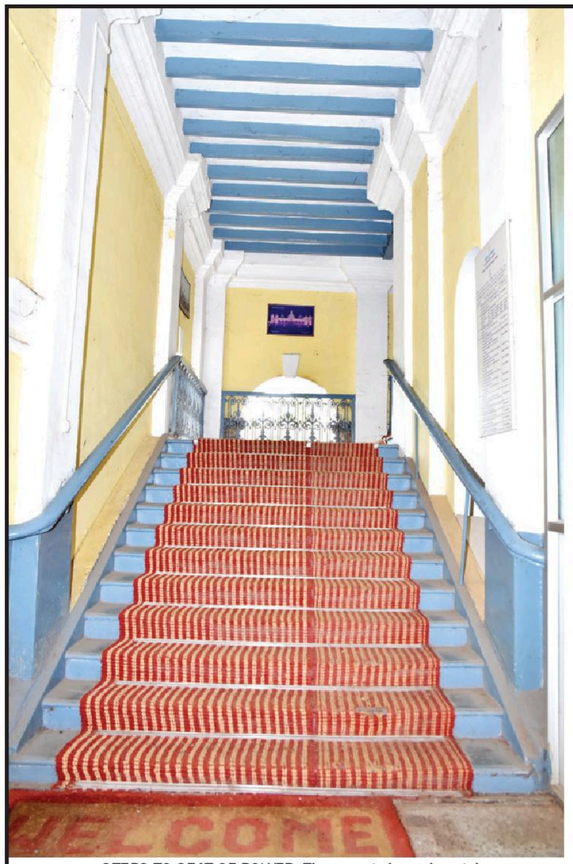


STEPS TO SEAT OF POWER: ***The carpeted wooden stairs at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office in Mysuru.***

By M.B. Pavan Murthy

A staircase is often the focal point of a building and is therefore an important feature to get right. And if the staircases are wooden, they are classy and add a touch of the outdoors. They complement the look of old or new buildings because of their natural look. Wood also has the natural tendency of looking more beautiful as time passes by, especially with proper care and handling. They are mostly handmade, adding great value to a building.

A wooden staircase can make for a very desirable look, bringing a sense of grandeur and authentic charm. Wood is also durable with less construction time and they can be easily cleaned and maintained, and they can also be coated or varnished for added protection from the usual wear and tear of everyday use.

Mysuru is home to a number of heritage buildings that have wooden staircases and the moment one steps on these staircases, the person is transported into a world of nostalgia and an era steeped in history. A majority of heritage buildings in Mysuru sports wooden materials, be it wooden planks, reefs, beams and the list is endless. Besides, one realises that unlike now, there was not much of use of concrete those days. Of course, wood was available aplenty those days and its usage was also according to needs.

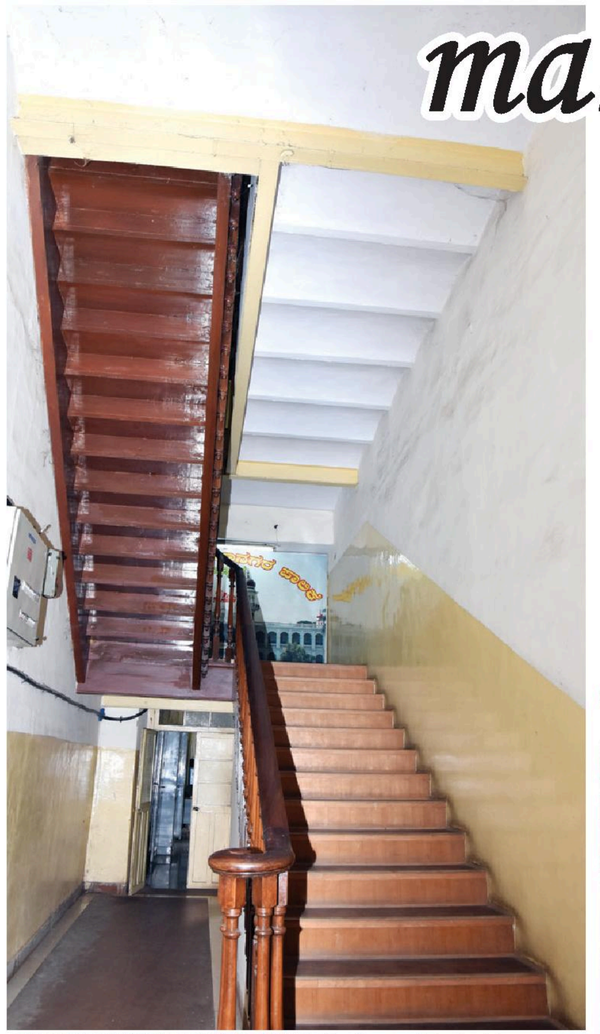
Wood was used extensively whether to construct Palaces, bungalows or even small houses and some of them were artistically designed.

One of the finest examples of wood being used extensively is the Mysore Palace while Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion, Cheluvamba Mansion, Karanji Mansion, Maharaja's College, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, K.R. Hospital, Deputy Commissioner's Office near Crawford Hall and Cauvery Command Area Development Authority (CADA) Office also display beautifully designed wooden staircases. In a few buildings if there are no staircases, wood is used for balcony and wooden planks for lofts.

Nearly 500 heritage structures

Luckily in Mysuru there are several heritage structures which have withstood the vagaries of time (though a few like Lansdowne Building, Devaraja Market and Fire Brigade Station are an exception as they have collapsed).

Earlier, nearly 236 buildings were included in the heritage list. Now, a survey is being undertaken by Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage and there are possibilities of 600 heritage structures being included. But at least a 500 of them will be in the list, said **Prof. N.S. Rangaraju,** Member, Expert Committee for Development and Protection of Mysore Heritage Region and Convenor, INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage).



LEADING TO OFFICES OF CITY MANAGERS: ***The strong and sturdy staircase at the Office of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).***

Coir mats protect staircases

A few of the buildings including the Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion and the Deputy Commissioner's Office have covered wooden staircases with coir mats and this is the right way to protect them as this will help preserve the staircase for a long time. However, not all wooden staircases in heritage buildings have such a cover which is required to protect them.

Kapichuru in building construction

Apart from the use of wood in heritage structures, the use of lime plaster and burnt bricks have increased, while the use of iron is very less.

Till Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar established Iron and Steel Works at Bhadravathi, the use of iron was very limited, said Prof. Rangaraju. In the major portion of the roofs of heritage structures, wooden beams were used as there were no concrete or iron roofs. Wooden planks and mortar was being used to construct roofs.

This is now called Madras Tarsi (Madras Roof). In this type of construction 12-inch thick mortar is used. Along with this, brick pieces were also used and this was called 'Kapichuru,' he said.

Jaganmohan Palace

Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar built the Jaganmohan Palace in 1861 to entertain European officers. There is woodwork in this Palace which is very artistic.

The residence of the third daughter of Chamaraja Wadiyar X is called Cheluvamba Mansion. This is built in the Indo-Persian architectural style and this is located in a sprawling campus. Now, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) is functioning from here. The wooden staircase and the lofts here are aesthetic and the place is maintained beautifully.

Staircase in Clock Tower

To mark the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the rule of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, a Clock Tower was built. This is today called the *Dodda Gadiyara* or the Big Clock Tower and it has a wooden staircase to reach to the top. As it was built after completing 25 years of Nalwadi's rule, it was named Silver Jubilee Clock Tower. It is 70 ft. in height.

The clock was installed on August 8, 1927. The construction cost of this historical clock tower was Rs. 7,500 which was built in just six months. The Krishna Rajendra Hospital (K.R. Hospital) built in 1918 at a cost of Rs. 5 lakh was constructed in Greco-Roman style and one can see wooden staircase here also.

Aesthetic Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion

This Mansion was built in 1907 for Jayalakshmammanniavaru, the eldest daughter of Chamaraja Wadiyar X and the sister of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. The buildings, wooden roofs, windows, doors, pillars, cupboards are all very aesthetically carved. This building is now under the possession of University of Mysore.

The Mansion also has wooden staircases and the pillars and lofts inside are made of teakwood and rosewood. As most of them are artistically designed, it catches everyone's attention.

When Kuvempu was the Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore, the Mansion, along with 300 acres of land was bought from the royal family for Rs.10 lakh. Due to the efforts of Ha.Ma. Nayak, Dejagow (former VC D. Javaregowda) and G.M. Paramashivaiah, a few portions of the mansion were converted into Folklore Museum in 1967.

Later, the whole place was converted into a Museum. Just a few years ago, it was renovated from the donations received from Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty. The unique feature of this Mansion is the installation of iron lift and underground drainage. The staircase, windows, doors and a few pillars are made of teakwood, besides artistic carvings, said Museum in-charge **Dr. Nagaraj.**

DC Office with iron and wooden beams

The magnificent building constructed at a cost of Rs.1,75,506 in 1891 which stands majestically facing D. Devaraja Urs Road is the Deputy Commissioner's Office. This has a massive wooden staircase and a lot of wood is otherwise also used in the structure.

"The uniqueness of this building is the architecture combined with technology. This shows the importance given to the safety of the building those days. For instance, solid wooden beams with iron onto which springs have been attached — also adding to the strength — have been installed for the roof. Including the Mysore Palace, no other building has this feature," said Prof. Rangaraju.

The People's Representative Assembly was being held in this building till 1923. In this two-storeyed building, there are 27 rooms and two meeting halls. There is a tower at the top of the building and the design of this is in the shape of a conch *(Shanka)*. The statue of British Resident Sir James Gordon is in front of the eastern portion of the building. This is made out of iron and James Gordon was the teacher to Chamaraja Wadiyar X.

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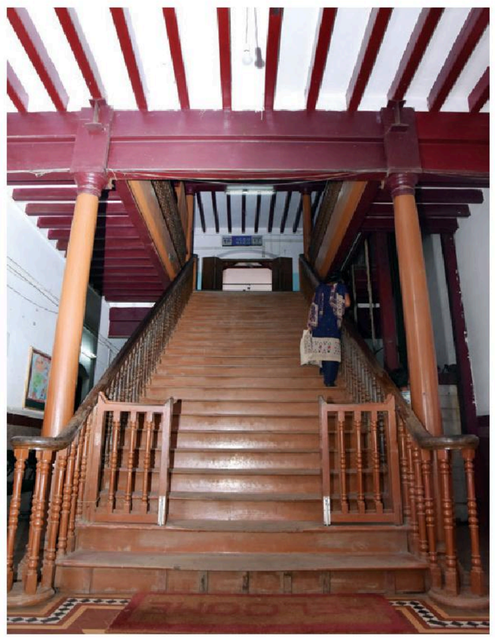


MISSION STATEMENT: ***The staircase with gates at the Mission Hospital, a lifeline for poor and needy.***

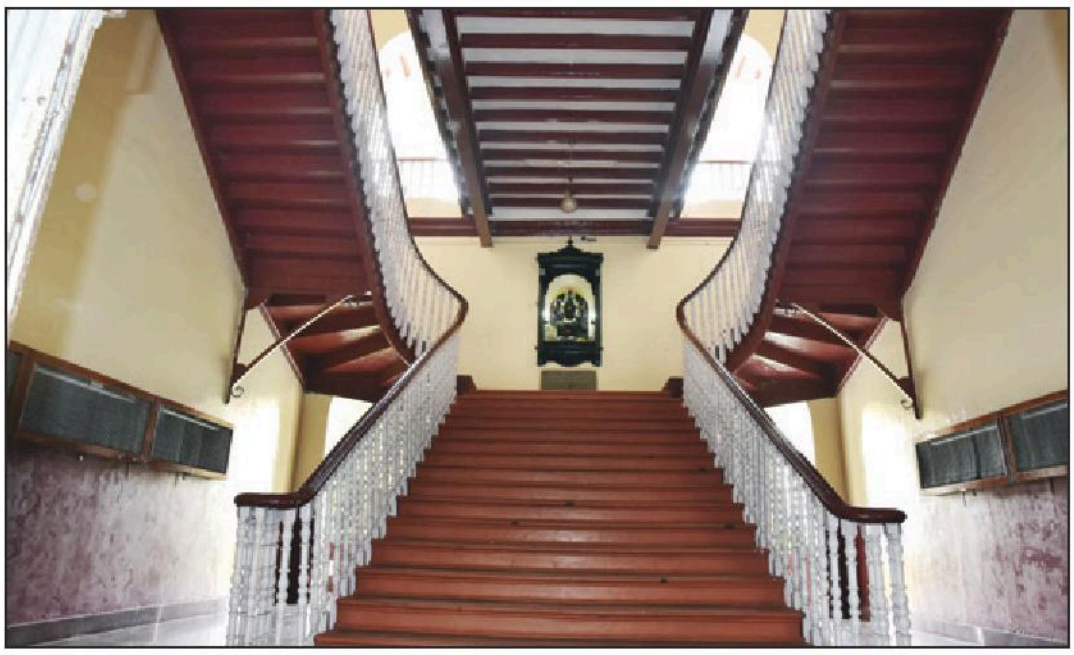
Wooden Lift in Mission Hospital

The CSI Holdsworth Memorial Mission Hospital, a heritage structure in Mandi Mohalla, has the distinction of completing 100 years. Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar inaugurated the hospital on Aug.21, 1906. The wooden Lift which was then in use was installed here. The unique feature was the Lift was being pulled with the help of a rope. Though this system is safe to use even today, the practice has been withdrawn due to safety.

The staircase here is made of sturdy wood and is still being used. Along with this the loft here is also made of wood. In 1875, when Christian missionaries set foot on India, some of them made their way to Mysore kingdom. Hence, one of the Missionaries J.W. Sawday thought of providing medical service to women and children by setting up a hospital. Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar implemented Rev. Sawday's vision and the result was the present Mission Hospital under the name 'Karunalaya.' The hospital, which has grown step by step providing basic facilities, has now completed 113 years.

LIFTING BUSINESS: ***The age-old and still functional wooden Lift at Mission Hospital. Picture right shows the Lift operation.***

Staircases, simply elegant



FIT FOR THE MAHARAJA: ***Beautiful wooden staircase in Maharaja's College.***

NEATLY SHAPED: ***The old but well-maintained staircase at CADA Office.***

ROYAL FINISH: ***Well-polished and shiny staircase at Jaladarshini Guest House.***

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Mysuru City Corporation building

The foundation stone for the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) building, which will be celebrating its centenary shortly, was laid in 1921 by the then Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. One of the attractive features of the building built in Indo-Sarcenic style is its arches. Like most of the buildings those days, wooden staircase can be seen here too. Apart from wood, iron is also used and the limestone mortar, bricks, stones and wood have been used extensively. It has a Madras-style roof.

Maharaja's College

One of the prides of University of Mysore is the iconic Maharaja's College constructed in 1893-94 at a cost of Rs.9,41,965. Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar had started the Royal School at the same place. In 1879, it was upgraded to a second grade college. It was under Madras University then. In 1894 the First Grade College was started. In 1916, the University was started in this building. There is again a beautiful wooden staircase in this Indo-Sarcenic style building.

Stately balustrade staircases

There is no shortage of stairway designs in structures of yore built by the Mysore Wadiyars. They are a charming part of every building and despite lakhs of people ascending and descending the staircases, not a single staircase in Mysuru has lost its beauty and old-world charm. With years of painstaking maintenance, polishing and upkeep, the stairs are still sparkling, especially in places like Mysore Palace, CADA Office, Central Library, Metropole Hotel and, of course, the Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel.

Sadly, some of the Government buildings have not maintained the staircases and they speak a lot about the attitude of Government Officers who care two hoots about history and heritage value. It is vital that those involved in the decision-making process understand the heritage significance of these architectural marvels so that their integrity can be maintained.

The geometrically aligned stairs located inside the buildings ferry visitors from the ground floor to the terrace. These steps are one of the beauties of the heritage building and some of them are supported by handrails. If a staircase is polished and maintained well, it will last for years together as demonstrated by several heritage structures in Mysuru.

But if the staircase makes a sharp rapping or creaking sound made when one steps on it, it needs urgent rehabilitation, not just superficial repairs.

The most important thing to remember is that stairs are not just conduits between different areas of a building. They also play an important role in setting the feel and look. A well-designed stairway can transport a contemporary space back to the Victorian era or create a warm welcome at the entryway.

A degree of wear and tear is usually inevitable but protective measures must be taken to protect them such as the use of a carpet to form a protective layer. However, care must be taken when choosing and fitting a carpet to avoid causing harm to the underlying structure. An appropriate cleaning regime will also serve to prevent the build-up of harmful agents of decay.

Excessive moisture and poor ventilation can facilitate fungal decay or provide ideal conditions for wood-boring beetles. Good general building maintenance minimises the risks.

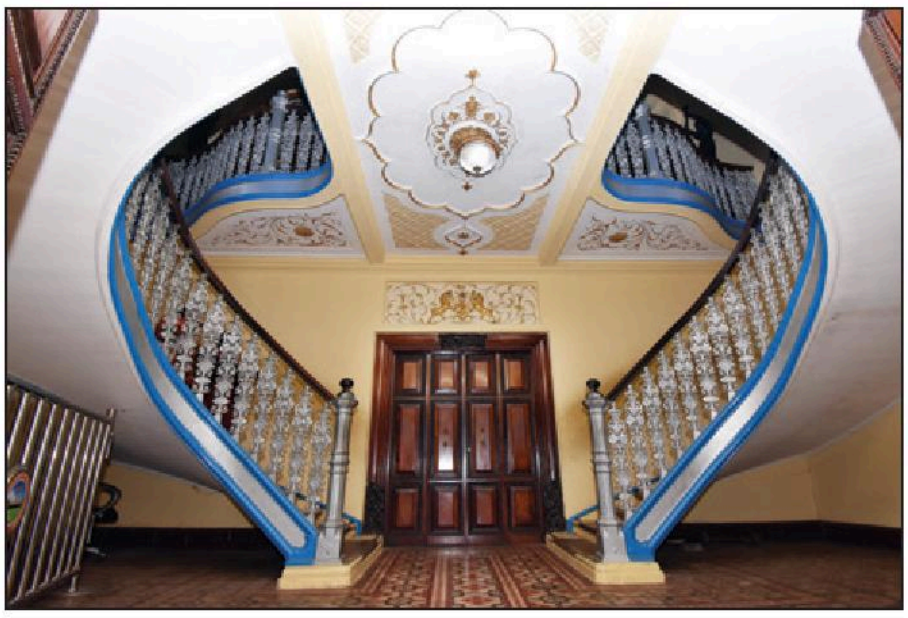
Cool in summer, warm in winter

"Wood, limestone mortar and thick walls were the features of the buildings of yore. Hence, the buildings were always cool throughout the year. Cool in summer and warm in winter. The speciality of Mysore Palace is the extensive use of wood. Burma Teak was imported and used. There are iron pillars and it was imported from London. Besides, Rajasthan marbles have also been used. Teakwood has been used in a majority of the heritage buildings."

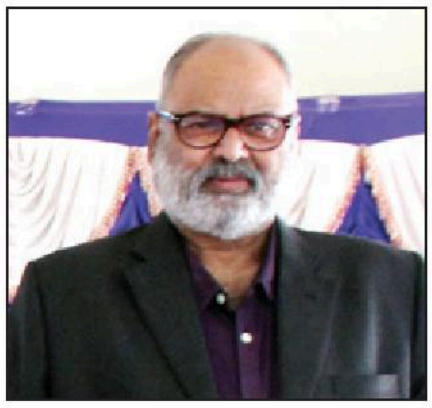
— Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, Member, Expert Committee for Development and Protection of Mysore Heritage Region

An Architect's View...

Aesthetic wooden staircases



A TOUCH OF ROYALTY: ***True to its awe-inspiring structure and ambience, the iconic Mysore Palace has a set of elegant staircases. These staircases are not seen by many as entry to the Palace is restricted. While the picture left shows one of the staircases inside the Palace, picture right shows a rare black-and-white impression of the staircase inside the structure.***



By Prof. D.S. Ramakrishna Rao
Design Chair, Mysore School of Architecture

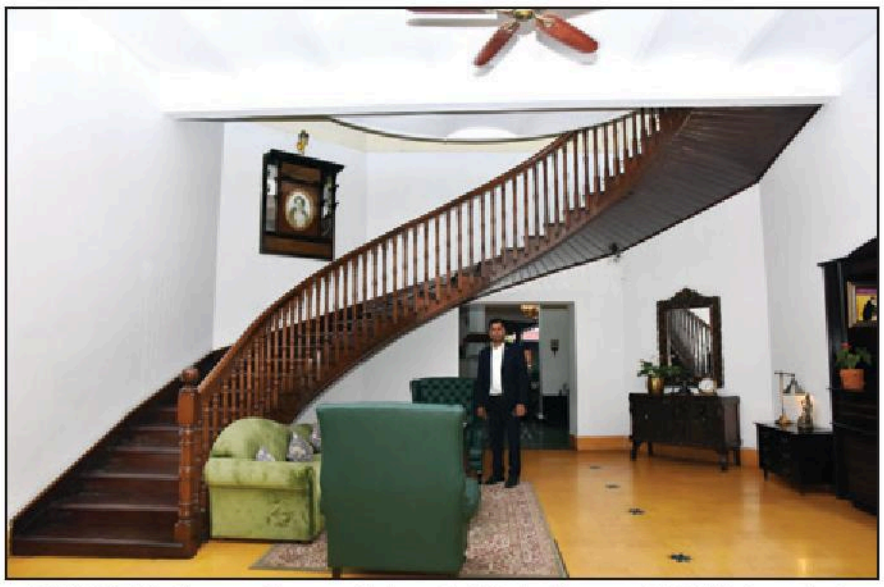
There are many reasons why wooden staircases are still being used today after being in history for such a long time. Apart from being aesthetically pleasing for interiors by providing a warm, earthy ambience by displaying its beautiful wooden grain, it has certain structural advantages as well.

Wood is a light material and larger structures can be built without adding too much strain on the support structures or the floor. Steel and concrete, on the other hand, can add a lot of force on the floor and supports and would need extra bracing or footings to hold it up.

Stairs are one of the oldest buildings in architectural history and they have always played a central role in the history of humanity although it is difficult to tell exactly in which year they were invented. It is believed that timber staircase was first used during 6000 BC.

The first stairs in the history were wood trunks fitted together and these kinds of stairs were used to acquire strategic positions for survival. In a basic sense, the first use was to overcome the difficulties presented by the terrain such as valleys or mountains. The goal was to be able to pass these difficulties as soon as possible. **Move up often meant moving to a place of greater security.** Those days this could have meant a difference between life and death. The quicker they move, the safer they can be.

The end of the nineteenth century is regarded by many as the **golden era of construction of stairs. Peter Nicholson** developed a mathematical system for stairs and railings approaching the art of the stairs to the workers of wood and metal. Generally, teak, pine, poplar, oak, maple, walnut and cherry are the most popular wood for staircase construction.



POLESTAR: ***Among the prestigious hotels in Mysuru, Hotel Metropole is counted prominently. The hotel has a set of shapely staircases.***

By the end of 1980, **Eva Jiricna** in London started designing stairs in glass and stainless steel which gave the stairs a sleek and futuristic look. Today, it is increasingly common to exit the conventional design of iron and wood and move on to different materials such as stainless steel, glass and titanium.

Wood quality for stairs

Pine: Southern Yellow Pine is the most common material used to make stairs because of its strength and cost. Because it is economical, there are several grades of this wood.

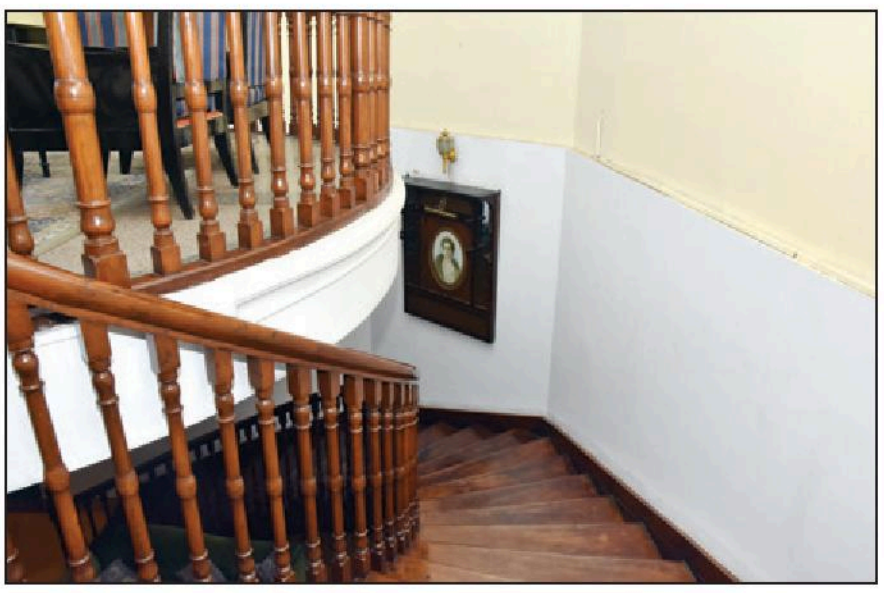
Poplar: Colour variation and distinctive graining is common in poplar. However, it accepts paint well and is nearly clear. Because of these characteristics, poplar is commonly used in painted or carpeted stairs. It is the least expensive of the hardwoods.

Hardwoods: Oak, Cherry and Maple are the most popular types of hardwoods. When stairs are made out of these materials, they are considered to be "finish grade." It is expected that the stairs will be viewed as a show-piece in the room and the wood must be of exceptional quality.

Apart from the above mentioned woods, in India, the famed rosewood and teakwood are used to make the staircases. While teakwood needs a polish for a fine finish, rosewood does not need extensive polishing. When compared to teak, rosewood is heavier.

Rosewood stairs can also be seen in traditional ancestral family homes in Kodagu called the 'Ain Mane'. Apart from staircases, these heritage homes also have carved pillars in the front yard, sporting an elegant look.

Floating staircases, box floating staircase, tubular floating, cantilever staircase, double stringer staircase, single stringer staircase, spiral staircase, full closed floating staircase, helix staircase, concrete cage staircase and hanging stairs are some of the popular variety staircases. And these stairs do not come cheap but people generally go for such designs for the distinct character and, of course, the WOW factor.



VIEW FROM THE TOP: ***Another view of the staircase at Hotel Metropole that has been designed to accommodate a sitting area.***

Spiritual education is as vital as curriculum: UoM VC

Mysuru, Sept.7 (RKB&NNN)- The question that a student confronts is what to do after completion of studies. This is because not only does he not have an aim but also lacks a spiritual background and it is our duty to encourage and show them the way by imparting spiritual education, said University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar.

Presiding over the two-day national seminar on "The Contributions of the Eastern and Western Disciples of Swami Vivekananda to Indian Society," organised by the Department of Studies in Philosophy and Swami Vivekananda Chair at the EMMRC auditorium in Manasagangothri, here recently he said that more than 3,000 students who pass out of the University of Mysore do not know what to do after completing their courses as they have no aim. If such students have to have a goal and a spiritual background, then the teachers must encourage them, he added.

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, President Swami Muktidanandaji offering floral tributes to the statue of Swami Vivekananda to inaugurate the two-day national seminar on "The Contributions of the Eastern and Western Disciples of Swami Vivekananda to Indian Society," organised by the Department of Studies in Philosophy and Swami Vivekananda Chair at the EMMRC auditorium in Manasagangothri, here recently as UoM VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Philosophy Department Head Dr. S. Venkatesh, Visiting Professor V.N. Sheshagiri Rao and coordinator Dr. Daniel look on.

Even the present generation of students sadly do not know the meaning of dreams and goals. One of the reasons for this is the semester examination that they are subjected to unlike in the past where it was a yearly examination. Because of frequent exams, they do not have the complete understanding of the subjects. This also results in affecting their goals and aspirations, he said.

Hence, one of the reasons for establishing various Chairs is to see that students get a little more than just classroom teaching. But there are allegations that the Chairs are not functioning, but this is far from truth as can be seen by the way Swami Vivekananda Chair is functioning, said Prof. Hemantha Kumar lauding the efforts of the Philosophy Department.

Earlier, Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru, President Swami Muktidanandaji, inaugurating the seminar he said that the basic foundation of education must rest on truth and spirituality. This was the strong feeling of Swami Vivekananda who gave a lot of importance to education and also believed that human values were more important, which everyone should understand.

Chairman of the Seminar and Head of the Department of Studies in Philosophy Dr. S. Venkatesh, Swami Vivekananda Chair Visiting Professor, Prof. V.N. Sheshagiri Rao, Co-ordinator of the seminar Dr. Daniel and others were present during the occasion.

MCC distributes ID cards to street vendors

Mysuru, Sept.7 (MTY&US)- Implementing the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM), Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had organised a workshop for street vendors at Vidyashankara Kalyana Mantapa near Gun House here recently to apprise them of municipal rules.

An awareness on cleanliness, hygiene and food safety was also created among the street vendors. Identity Cards were also issued to them.

Inaugurating the programme Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath disclosed that MCC had made provision at designated places for street vendors to carry on with their business. She asked the vendors to strictly abide by the stipulated rules regarding quality of food, hygiene and proper storage.

Additional MCC Commissioner M.N. Shashikumar asked the street vendors to be disciplined and not to neglect cleanliness.

MCC Health Officer Dr. M.S. Jayanth said that 1,896 street vendors have been identified in 9 Zones and ID Cards have been issued to them.

He asked the vendors to stick to the allotted places without drifting elsewhere. He emphasised that street vending should not inconvenience pedestrians and others. He warned of strict action against violators. He insisted on using good water and utensils for preparing food without foregoing cleanliness and hygiene at any stage.

He asked them not to throw waste indiscriminately but dispose the waste scientifically.

Assistant Commissioners Ranjith Kumar, Geetha Udedha, Muralidhar, Karnataka State Street Vendors Federation President Bhaskar and others were present.

The workshop was held till Aug.31 and covered street vendors of all zones.

'Great contributions from Swami Vivekananada's Western disciples'

Mysuru, Sept.7 (MK&NNN)- Along with Swami Vivekananda, his disciples from the West have also contributed greatly to the Indian society, said Sanskrit Scholar Dr. H.V. Nagaraj Rao.

He was delivering the valedictory address at the two-day national seminar on "The Contributions of the Eastern and Western Disciples of Swami Vivekananda to Indian Society," organised by the Department of Studies in Philosophy and Swami Vivekananda Chair at the EMMRC auditorium in Manasagangothri, here recently. He said that after Swami Vivekananda and his disciple Abedananda Swamiji had given discourses in many places. He was also a great researcher, he added.

Swami Vivekananda's Western disciple Sister Nivedita (Margaret) had rendered great service to the society being with the monk. Hundreds of his Western disciples have spread the India culture across the world, he said.

Recalling the time when he was in Chicago University as a Visiting Professor, he said that he had visited the places where Swami Vivekananda had walked and the speeches he made at the World Parliament of Religions in 1893 resonates even to this day. He delivered the address in English and also recited Sanskrit shlokas, added Dr. Nagaraj Rao.

Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala Chief Swami Yukteshanandaji Maharaj presided, Chairman of the Seminar and Head of the Department of Studies in Philosophy Dr. S. Venkatesh, Swami Vivekananda Chair Visiting Professor, Prof. V.N. Sheshagiri Rao, Coordinator of the seminar Dr. Daniel and others were present.

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Dasara: Dist. Minister holds meeting with Congress, JD(S) leaders

Mysuru, Sept.7 (YDS&DM)- In a bid to make Dasara more inclusive with the participation of Opposition leaders, District Minister V. Somanna held a meeting with Congress and JD(S) leaders at Jaladarshini Guest House here yesterday.

Speaking at the meeting, Somanna said that he is heading Dasara preparations for the first time as District in-Charge Minister and appealed leaders from all political parties to co-operate with him in making Dasara-2019 a grand success.

MLA Tanveer Sait said that necessary steps have to be taken to end the confusion over seating arrangements for Torchlight Parade at Bannimantap.

Highlighting that Policemen from outside the district often fail to identify local Legislators and leaders, Sait observed that something has to be done to ensure that the Police personnel deployed for Dasara have some knowledge of local leaders.

Following Sait's suggestion, Somanna directed the Police to ensure that local Legislators, MPs and other people representatives are given due respect.

Praising the District Minister, Tanveer Sait said that Somanna was showing more interest in Dasara preparations than any other previous District Ministers who hailed from the city.

Sait appealed the Minister to operate more buses to Chamundi Hill on Dasara inauguration day as there will be heavy rush.

However, Sait opposed the Minister's idea of having a total of 32 members from the JD(S) and Congress for 17 Dasara Sub-Committees, saying that only a namesake representation of Opposition leaders will not make the Sub-Committees wholly inclusive.

Sait wanted more members of Congress and JD(S) leaders in Sub-Committees.

MP Pratap Simha objected to Sait's demand, saying that as an MP, he (Simha) was ignored in Dasara Sub-Committee from 2014-17 when Congress was in power, which led to a heated debate over the issue. However, things cooled down quickly as Sait and Simha agreed to hold talks on the issue.

MLA and former District in-Charge Minister G.T. Devegowda sought 100 additional buses for Mysuru during Dasara, when Somanna rang up Deputy CM and Transport Minister Laxman Savadi and appealed for deployment of more buses to Mysuru for Dasara.

Periyapatna JD(S) MLA K. Mahadev wanted more buses for 'Dasara Darshini' as there are a large number of people who have not seen Dasara.

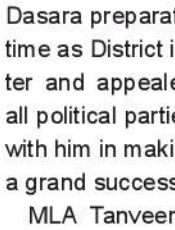
Responding to the MLA's plea, Somanna said that the Government is operating 'Dasara Darshini' buses for free for people from rural areas, who can also visit Mysuru Zoo.

Pointing out that each of the 40 Mahout families staying in city for Dasara festival are given Rs.5,000, Somanna reiterated his plea for the co-operation of all.

MLAs K. Mahadev and Anil Chikkamadu, MLCs Sandesh Nagaraj and R. Dharmasena, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO K. Jyothi, City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, City Congress President R. Murthy, District BJP President M. Shivanna and others attended the meeting.

However MLAs S.R. Mahesh, Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, L. Nagendra and S.A. Ramdas were absent.

Prof. M. Shivappa takes charge as Mysore Varsity Registrar



Shivappa

Mysuru, Sept.7- Dr. R. Shivappa, Professor, Department of Social Work, University of Mysore (UoM), Manasagangothri, took charge as the new Registrar (Administration) of UoM, here yesterday.

The State Government, in a notification issued yesterday, appointed Prof. Shivappa to the post in place of Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi, who has been repatriated to the Department of Studies in English.

Onam Fair from tomorrow

Mysuru , Sept.7 (VNS)- As a prelude to Onam celebrations on Sept.11, Kerala Samajam, Mysuru, is organising its traditional three-day Annual Onam Fair Sept.8 at the Samajam Community Centre, located in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage (adjacent to Kaveri Grameena Bank).

The Fair will be open on all three days from 9 am to 9 pm. An exquisite variety of traditional and authentic Onam specialties like Nenthra Kai, Banana Chips (Round, Cut & Sweet), Pappadam, Pal Ada, Coconut Oil, Halwa, Unni Appam, Jaggery, Pineapple (from Vazhakulam), Yam, Ginger, Set Sari, Set Mund, Kerala Towel (Thorth), Kerala Kasavu sari, Earthen pots, variety of Pickles, Rice powders, Kerala Rice etc. and assorted variety of traditional artefacts will be on sale. All these items are being brought from Kerala and will be available till stock lasts.

Also, Special Onam Payasam and "Puli Inchi" prepared by expert chefs from Kerala will be on sale. Tickle your taste buds and celebrate the taste of Kerala at "Thattu Kada" (snack corner).

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Swachh Mahotsav-2019

City NCC Cadet wins President's Medal

Mysuru, Sept.7 (VNS)- S. Ranjitha, Petty Officer (PO) Cadet, 3 KAR NCC Naval Unit, received the President's Swachh Bharat Medal at the *Swachh Mahotsav-2019* ceremony held at the Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi on Sept.6.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, an elated Ranjitha said that it was a proud moment to receive an award from the President of India and added that 'His Excellency' congratulated her and asked her to keep up the good work. The award-winning Naval Cadet also mentioned that her family was overjoyed watching her receive the prestigious award. Ranjitha's father Shiva works as a tile setter and her mother Geetha is a tailor.

A B.Sc final year student of Yuvaraja's College, Ranjitha was one among the six NCC Cadets (3 boys and 3 girls) from across the country shortlisted for the coveted award. In fact, she is the first girl from Karnataka to have won the award. The medal was presented to Ranjitha by President Ram Nath Kovind.

Speaking to *SOM*, 3 KAR NCC Naval Unit Commanding Officer Capt. Sandeep Naik said that Ranjitha was selected for the award after emerging victorious in the national-level *Swachh Bharat* Summer Internship programme organised by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, New Delhi, in association with Director General, NCC, New Delhi.

President Ram Nath Kovind seen presenting the Swachh Bharat Medal to S. Ranjitha during Swachh Mahotsav held at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi yesterday as Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat looks on.

As part of the internship held between June 1 and July 31, 2019, Ranjitha took part in the competition along with 50 fellow Cadets and volunteers of National Service Scheme (NSS) and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS). She emerged second in the district and first among the NCC Cadets. A detailed report of *Swachh Bharat* initiatives was submitted to the District-level Committee headed by the Deputy Commissioner. While a NYKS volunteer emerged first, Ranjitha stood second.

Later, a similar report was sent to DG, NCC, New Delhi, where she was shortlisted among other five Cadets and finally selected for the award.

The Swachh Bharat Student Internship aims to engage youths across the country to develop their skills and orientation for Solid Waste Management (SWM) and sustain the momentum of *Swachh Bharat Jan Andolan*.

Speaking to *SOM*, Yuvaraja's College NCC Officer Dr. Lokesh Gowda said that the Cadets were given training under '*Swachh Bharat Shreshtha Bharat*' for a total of 50 hours between June 1 and July 31 after which they had to file a report to the DG, NCC.

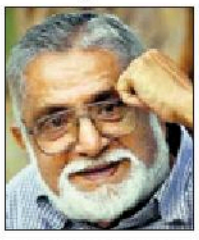
A resident of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Ranjitha conducted several awareness programme and took part in cleanliness drive which included her educating the villagers of Hinkal about the ill-effects of plastic, door-to-door campaign about waste segregation at home, waste collection drives, construction of compost pits and participating in street plays to educate people on cleanliness and hygiene.

Ranjitha also met Lt. Gen. Rajeev Chopra AVSM, Director General, NCC, during her visit to his office in New Delhi on Sept.5.

'K.P. Poornachandra Tejaswi Hakki-Pukka'

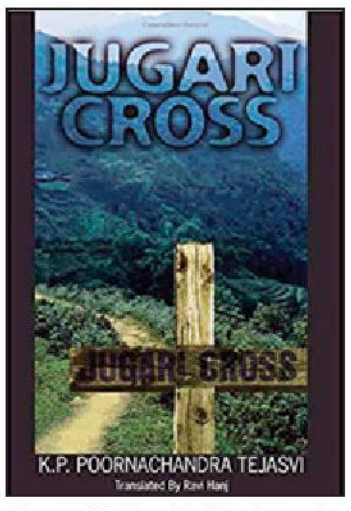
Special lectures, book release and documentary screening

Mysuru, Sept.7 (RKB&US)- Marking the 26th anniversary of Abhiruchi Prakashana, a programme titled 'K.P. Poornachandra Tejaswi Hakki-Pukka' has been organised in city on Sept.8 and 9, under the joint aegis of Abhiruchi Prakashana, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS), Hasiru Sene, Niranthara, Swaraj Abhiyana and Manava Mantapa, Mysuru.



Poornachandra Tejaswi

Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Abhiruchi Ganesh of the Prakashana said that a bird watching programme has been organised tomorrow (Sept.8) at 7 am at Kukkarahalli Lake under the leadership of Shivaprakash and D. Tanuja to be inaugurated by Raitha Sangha leader Darshan Puttannaiah.



An expo of pictures of insects titled 'Tejaswi Kanda Keeta Prapancha' will be inaugurated by Padma Sriram at 10 am at Suchitra Art Gallery in Kalamandira premises.

The main stage programme at the Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises will be inaugurated at 10.30 am. An English translation of Purnachandra Tejaswi's 'Jugari Cross' by Ravi Hanj will be released by wildlife photographers Kripakar and Senani.

'Mayaloka,' a documentary on Tejaswi, will be screened at 11.30 am which will be followed by lectures on various topics.

The programme on Sept.9 commencing at 10.30 am would feature lectures on topics linking Tejaswi, followed by screening of the movies 'Kiragurina Gayyaligalu' and 'Kubbi mattu Eyala' followed by valedictory at 3.30 pm culminating with the play 'Chidambara Rahasya,' explained Ganesh.

Best yet to come, PM Modi after contact lost with Vikram lander

Modi reaches out to ISRO Chief Dr. K. Sivan to shake his hand but the scientist broke down at which the Prime Minister hugged him with words of encouragement

Bengaluru, Sept.7- India's first attempt to land on the Moon may have gone off-script but the ambitious Chandrayaan 2 Mission has been far from a flop. With a mission life of one year, the Chandrayaan 2 Orbiter remains in operation and will continue to study the Moon from afar.

"Only 5 per cent of the mission has been lost — Vikram the lander and Pragyaan the rover — while the remaining 95 per cent — that is the Chandrayaan 2 Orbiter — is orbiting the Moon successfully," an official of the Indian Space Research Organisation or ISRO said.

The Orbiter can take several pictures of the Moon and send it to the ISRO over the next year. The Orbiter can take pictures of the lander to find out its status too, the ISRO official added. The rover inside the lander had a lifespan of only 14 days.

But following several tense minutes as the expected landing time of about 1:55 am lapsed, ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Sivan announced that communication had been lost with the lander. ISRO had acknowledged before the landing that it was a complex manoeuvre, which Dr. Sivan called "15 minutes of terror".

The contact was lost with the Moon lander Vikram minutes before it was due to touch down near the lunar South Pole. If the landing was executed successfully as planned, India would have become the fourth country — after the United States, Russia and China — to soft land on the Moon.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi consoled an emotional ISRO Chief Dr. Sivan this morning after the space agency announced it lost contact with Chandrayaan 2 lander. PM Modi, who flew to Bengaluru last night to watch the planned touchdown of the Vikram lander, hugged the ISRO Chief as he broke down and patted him on the back after a speech at the space agency headquarters where he said: "Our determination to touch Moon has become even stronger and the best is yet to come."

In his nearly 30-minute long address to the ISRO scientists, PM Modi said, "resilience and tenacity are central to India's ethos". "In our glorious history, we have faced moments that may have slowed us but they have never crushed our spirit. We have bounced back again and gone on to do spectacular things. This is why our civilisation stands tall," he said.

"As important as the final result is the journey and the effort. I can proudly say that the effort was worth it and so was the journey. Our team worked hard, travelled far and those teachings will always remain with us. The learnings from today will make us stronger and better," PM Modi added.

The successful launch of Chandrayaan 2 on board the giant GSLV Mark 3 rocket and its insertion in the lunar orbit was seen as a testament to India's frugal space programme. The accomplishment has been likened by experts to firing a bullet from a moving train towards a target on another moving train hundreds of thousands of kilometres apart.

The Chandrayaan 2 mission stood out because of its low cost of about $140 million. The United States spent the equivalent of more than $100 billion on its Apollo missions. The mission also held great significance for future space exploration missions, including those to Mars.

CM Yediyurappa offers *Bagina* to Kapila

Says State expecting good flood relief package from Centre

H.D. Kote, Sept. 7 (Manju & VNS) - With Kabini Reservoir having reached its maximum level of 2,284 feet, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa offered 'Bagina' to River Kapila at the reservoir located in Beechanahalli this morning.

The CM arrived in a helicopter from Bengaluru. Later, speaking to media persons, Yediyurappa said that the State Government was expecting the Centre to release major funds towards flood relief and added that about 1.5 lakh houses had to be reconstructed. He also assured of taking all measures to ensure that the relief works are taken up on priority basis.

When asked if he had discussed relief works with PM Modi yesterday, Yediyurappa said that the Prime Minister had already been apprised about the flood situation during his (Yediyurappa's) visit to New Delhi and yesterday the matter could not discussed as PM headed straight to ISRO Observation Centre.

"Both Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman have inspected the flood situation in the State and are well aware of the facts. Now, since the Central leaders know about the situation, we are expecting a good relief package," said Yediyurapa.

The CM also said that as both KRS and Kabini Reservoirs full to the brim, issues related to the release of water to Tamil Nadu had been solved.

He also added that the State Government would soon take up the construction of a new bridge at a cost of Rs. 20 crore in front of Kabini Reservoir and decide on the pending proposal of a botanical garden.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Mysuru District Minister V. Somanna, MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad, MLAs Anil Chikkamadu and C.S. Niranjan Kumar, former MLC Siddaraju, former MLA Chikkanna, former Minister M. Shivanna, ZP President Parimala Shyam, Vice-President M.V. Gowramma Somashekar, former MUDA Chairman C. Basavegowda, DC Abhiram G. Sankar, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, Assistant Commissioner Veena and others were present.

Indefinite protest begins till DKS is released

Mysuru, Sept.7 (PM&US)- Members of D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) Swabhimani Balaga commenced their peaceful indefinite protest at Agrahara Circle here this morning condemning the arrest of D.K. Shivakumar being a very senior Congress leader and former Minister.

The protest, to be staged daily from 11 am to 1 pm, is said to be continued till DKS is released.

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, former Mayor Modamani, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, MLC R. Dharmasena, City Congress President R. Murthy, State Women Congress President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, Balaga Convenors Manjunath, N. Bhaskar, Srinath Babu, Shivanagappa and others were present.

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The Annual General Body Meeting (2018-19) of the Society will be held on Sunday, the 8th September 2019 at 11.30am in **DEEPA SAHAKARA SANKEERNA**, Vidyalaya Road, Roopanagar, Mysore-26. Members (Class 'A' only) who have not received the notice may kindly treat this as notice and attend the meeting.

By the order of the Board, Secretary

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NOTICE

Society's Annual General Body Meeting will be held on 8-9-2019, Sunday at 10.00am at the premises of Automotive Axles Limited, Hootagalli Industrial Area, Mysore-570 018. The Board of Directors invite all the members to present in the meeting. The Invitation of the meeting sent individually to all the members. In case not received, treat this as invitation and attend the meeting.

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VAYOSHRESHTHA SAMMAN (National Awards for Senior Citizens) 2019
— extension of date for inviting nominations in selected categories.

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has decided to once again open the window for inviting nominations in respect of the following categories:

Category No.	Category	Description/ Eligibility	Nature of Awards
INSTITUTIONAL CATEGORY			
6	**Best Private Sector Organisation in promoting the well being and welfare of Senior Citizens**	**Corporate Houses, addressing the problems of elderly either by providing them gainful employment, or utilizing their skills and experience to the benefit of the society or creating infrastructure in geriatric medical care or any other similar step for the benefit of senior citizens as a community. The activities taken for benefit of senior citizens should be away from the mainline business of the organization.**	**(a) Citation; (b) Memento.**
INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY			
13	**Courage & Bravery (one each for Male and Female)**	**To senior citizens who have displayed extra ordinary courage in the face of grave danger.**	**(a) Citation; (b) Memento; (c) Cash award of two lakh and fifty thousand Rupees.**

2. The last date for receiving nominations as per Notification in respect of the above mentioned categories is 16.09.2019. The detailed information in this regard are available on the website of the Department: **www.socialjustice.nic.in**

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'Balanced diet must for good health'

Nutritionist Dr. Asna Urooz at Nutrition Mission Day

Mysuru, Sept.7 (MTY&NNN)- "The economic status is very important as it reflects the health and social status of a family. Hence, based on one's economic status, one should strike to have a balanced diet to keep oneself healthy and happy," said Dr. Asna Urooz, Professor and Chairperson of Department of Food Science and Nutrition, Manasangangothri.

She was speaking at the Poshan Abhyiyan Dinacharane (Nutrition Mission Day) as part of the National Nutrition Mission Week organised by the District Administration, Women and Child Welfare Department and Zilla Panchayat at the Arivu-Neravu Kendra in Cheluvamba Hospital here this morning and said that it was very important to create awareness about proper nutrition and balanced diet among the rural people also.

This task is very difficult to be taken up by the Food and Nutrition Department, but the Anganwadi centres must be involved for the success of this programme. There are seven groups of food and depending on the economic status of a family, the balanced diet must be consumed to stay healthy, she said.

It is important to follow proper dietary habits like having rice one day, ragi another, wheat the third day and so on. For instance when one consumes 100 grams of wheat product it will contain 11 to 13 gram of proteins. However, it is the woman and child that need maximum attention because of the malnutrition that plagues the country. Also physical development of the child will be good if it is given a balanced diet, said Dr. Urooz.

Even after 70 years of independence, 50 per cent of the women are anaemic and when blood tests are done, they will have very low level of haemoglobin content. This must be reversed to see that women enjoy better health, she said.

Superintendent of Cheluvamba Hospital Dr. Pramila said that this mission should not be confined to only a week but stress on nutritious food must always be there for woman and child.

Women and Child Welfare Department Deputy Director K. Padma, Dr. Ganngamma, Dr. Saritha, Dr. Rashmi, Dr. Sampathamma, CDPOs (Child Development Project Officer) Manjula and Geetha, T. Narasipura Project Officer Poornima, Sushma Appaiah and others were present.

Chidambaram in Tihar jail:

What life behind bars will be like for former Finance Minister

Chidambaram

New Delhi, Sept. 7- Veteran Congress leader and former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram has been sent to judicial custody till Sept. 19. What it means is that one of the most powerful persons during the 10-year UPA rule will spend 14 days at India's most notorious jail.

According to the jail authorities, the former Finance Minister will be treated like any other inmate. He will be allowed only those special privileges which have been sanctioned by the Court. Apart from that, Chidambaram will live the life of any other person on trial for the next fortnight.

Tihar jail officials shared a glimpse of how will Chidambaram's life behind bars for the next 14 days look like.

DAY 1: CHECK-IN

Upon arrival P. Chidambaram was handed over to the jail authorities by the CBI, which had his custody for the past 14 days. The jail authorities checked the Court order along with special request applications approved by the Court. In his case, the Court has allowed him to carry his medicines and spectacles with him to jail.

First, Chidambaram was taken for the identification test and then for a medical check-up, before being sent to his designated jail cell. Director-General of Tihar Prison Sandeep Goel informed media that Chidambaram will be kept in a separate cell at Jail number 7, which is reserved for economic offenders.

As per the Court order, his cell would have a western toilet facility.

ITINERARY FOR 14 DAYS

- Chidambaram's day will most likely start like any other inmate at 6 or 7 am
- Shortly afterward, he will have his breakfast. Meals in Tihar jail are reportedly prepared as per the calorie requirements
- After breakfast, inmates are allowed to take a walk or exercise
- Since Chidambaram is under-trial and not serving sentence, he can opt to rest in his room
- Lunch is served between noon and 1 pm
- After lunch, Chidambaram will have some free time which he can use to read, watch TV or meet visitors
- Dinner is between 7 to 8 pm
- All inmates are locked up at 9 pm

JAIL FOOD MENU

Breakfast: The jail's morning meal consists of dalia or bread with tea and biscuits

Lunch: Mid-day meal is dal, sabzi and roti

Dinner: Last meal also consists of dal, sabzi and roti

JAIL AMENITIES

Jail cell: Chidambaram will have one jail cell to himself, which will consist of bedding, pillow, along with court-approved western toilet facility.

Media: Chidambaram is allowed to watch TV or access magazines newspapers or books at the jail library.

Entertainment: Apart from access to books, the Congress leader can also go for walks or exercise.

Visitor privileges: Former Finance Minister is allowed to meet family and lawyers, only if sanctioned by the Court.

Traffic violators hit with hefty fines

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Each checking point has two to three Policemen who are stopping vehicles and booking the violators. Also, Police were seen wearing **body-worn cameras** to record traffic violations. The body-worn cameras record the voice and video to prevent Policemen from indulging in corruption and also to identify the Police and public in case of assaults.

A majority of common violations caught this morning were helmet-less riding, signal jumping, using mobile phones while driving or riding, not wearing seat belts in four-wheelers and driving without insurance. On an average, 15 to 20 cases were booked till afternoon today by each traffic division. Apart from issuing spot fines at major junctions, motorists who violate traffic rules will also receive challans at their address if they are caught violating the rules in CCTV cameras placed at traffic junctions.

DigiLocker or mParivahan

Meanwhile, ever since the implementation of the amended Indian Motor Vehicles (IMV) Act came into force, questions were raised on whether only hard copies of documents will be accepted by the traffic Police. To clear the same, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has clarified that e-copies of all the documents will be accepted by the Police and there is no compulsion to carry hard copies of documents all the time.

"It is hereby clarified that the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has issued an advisory to States to accept driving licence, registration certificate or other documents in 'electronic form' presented through DigiLocker or mParivahan platform as valid under the Motor Vehicle Act 1988 and treat them at par with the certificates issued by the transport authorities," the Ministry clarified.

Soft copies of documents like driving licence, insurance copies and registration certificate can be shown while inspection. But if the vehicle is seized in cases like drunken driving, hard copies of documents need to be produced.

Police officers said they will accept all documents in hard copies as well as soft copies/ electronic format. "We will accept e-copies as long as they are in the DigiLocker or the mParivahan Apps but not photos, scanned copies or screenshots of these documents shown on the phone. If it is a White Board vehicle, one does not need to carry the hard copies all the time. But for 'Yellow Board' vehicles, carrying hard copies are a must," a Police Officer said.

Dasara Flower Show contract goes for a record Rs.1.13 crore

Mysuru, Sept.7 (MTY&NNN)- This year's Dasara Flower Show saw a record breaking tender contract with Alif Traders of the City bagging it after bidding at a whopping Rs.1.13 crore.

The Dasara Flower Show which begins on Sept.29 will go on for 15 days. Horticulture Department had called for tenders and there was stiff fight among the traders to bag the contract. The tenders had been called for entrance gate, setting up of stalls and amusement park. There was serious competition between two bidders and Alif Traders finally bagged the contract .

The department had fixed Rs.60 lakh as tender amount for the entrance gate. However, the bid went up to Rs.78 lakh. The amount fixed for setting up stalls was Rs.20 lakh but it went up to Rs.27 lakh. The amount fixed for amusement park was Rs.10 lakh but it ended at just Rs.8 lakh.

Finally, Alif Traders' Suhial Khilji and Rajesh Narasimha won the whole bid for Rs.1.13 crore. It may be recalled that last year the bid was for just Rs. 73 lakh.

This is the birth centenary year of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, the last ruler of Mysore and the major attraction will be the statue of the ruler being put up using flowers.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Vishnu Circle	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Kurukshetra	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Gimmick	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
HINDI			
Chhichhore	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Saaho	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Dirty Story	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Jodi	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Saaho	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Zombie	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Magamuni	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Comali	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows

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Kurukshetra (K-3D)	(S-1)	11.30 am, 6.25 pm
Saaho (Te)	(S-1)	3.05 pm
IT: Chapter Two (E)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-2)	10 am, 6.40 pm
Vishnu Circle (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Jodi (Te)	(S-2)	4 pm
Love Action Drama (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Itty Maani: Made In China (Ma)	(S-3)	10.05 am
Magamuni (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Saaho (H)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Mission Mangal (H)	(S-3)	7.20 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am
Brother's Day (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Chhichhore (H)	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 4.05 pm 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm

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Chhichhore (H)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 12.55 pm, 3.55 pm 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
IT: Chapter Two (E)	(S-1)	9.35 am, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	2.30 pm
	(S-4)	6.20 pm
Vishnu Circle (K)	(S-4)	10.05 am; (S-1) 7.30 pm
Kurukshetra (K-3D)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
Mission Mangal (H)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
Saaho (Te)	(S-3)	6.00 pm
Saaho (H)	(S-3)	10.55 am
Sivappu Manjal Pachai (Ta)	(S-4)	12.15 pm
Magamuni (Ta)	(S-4)	9.45 pm
Love Action Drama (Ma)	(S-4)	3.25 pm
Itty Maani: Made In China (Ma)	(S-3)	9.30 pm

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Love, Action, Drama (Ma)	9 am
Chhichhore (H)	9.10 am, 3.20 pm 6.25 pm, 9:30 pm
IT: Chapter Two (E)	9.10 am, 12.40 pm, 6.30 pm, 10 pm
Saaho (H)	11 am, 9.50 pm
Saaho (Te)	2.35 pm
Sivappu Manjal Pachai (Ta)	12.10 pm
Mission Mangal (H)	12.20 pm
Brother's Day (Ma)	3.15 pm
Vishnu Circle (K)	4.10 pm
Kurukshetra (K)	6.10 pm
Magamuni (Ta)	6.30 pm
Ittymaani: Made in China (Ma)	9.40 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT.7)

JSS Science and Technology University, Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering, JSS Technical Institute Campus: Valedictory of 2nd National Conference on 'Advanced Materials for Health, Energy and Environment,' former DFRL Director Dr. K.S. Manja chief guest, former Gulbarga University VC Dr. S.R. Niranjana, Chemistry Professors Dr. V.G. Anand and Dr. K. Natarajan guests of honour, JSS Science and Technology University Registrar Dr. K.S. Lokesh presides, CS/IS Seminar Hall, Golden Jubilee Bhavan, SJCE, **4.30 pm.**

Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India and Inner Wheel District 318, Mysuru: 'Milestone', a two-day South Zone Meet 2019, inauguration, **5 pm;** Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev of Isha Foundation graces the occasion, Past International Inner Wheel President Dr. Pallavi Shah guest of honour, Past Association President Shailaja Bhat special guest; Golden Jubilee celebrations followed by entertainment programme, Asha Prakash Shetty Bunts Convention Centre, Vijayanagar, **6 pm.**

Aradhya Mahasabha: Ganeshotsava - Puja and Prasada Viniyoga, Aradhya Mahasabha premises, Chamundipuram, **5.30 pm.**

Vanita Sadana: 'Raaga - Nritya Sambhrama' - Bharatanatyam recital by Raaga Srinivas from Bengaluru, Vanita Sadana premises, Smt. Susheela Bai Sri Nagesh Rao Road, 7th Cross Road, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Special Discourse in English on 'The essence of scriptures' by Swami Yuktatmanandaji, Minister in-charge, Ramakrishna Vivekananda Centre, New York, Ashrama's Swami Shambhavanandaji auditorium, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**

Chaturmasya Seva Samithi: 'Tulabhara' with grains and coins to Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji of Pejawar Mutt and Junior Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Samiji, special honour through dance by Sparsha Shenoy, disciple of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama: Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha programmes by Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Junior Pontiff of Avadhoota Datta Peetha, Satsang, Discourse, **6.30 pm;** Kakada Aarti to Lord Dattatreya, Ashrama premises, Datta Nagar, Ooty Road, **8 pm.**

Sri Rajeshwari Vasthralankara, Mysuru: Rangasavyasachi Yoganna Memorial Theatre Festival, staging of play 'Amogha Varsha Nrupatunga' by Sri Rajeshwari Vasthralankara Rangatanda, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha: 44th annual Sri Swarna Gowri and Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swami Puja Mahotsava, Talking Doll programme by ventriloquist Suma Rajkumar, Kanti Mallanna Kalyana Mandira, Kabir Road, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT.8)

Raadiant Sports, Karnataka Athletics Association and Mysoorunners Group: Celebrate Life! Mysuru Half Marathon and 10K, Balarama Gate, Mysore Palace, **5.30 am onwards.**

Mysuru Cycling Club: Road Race, cycling contest, R.T. Nagar (near Ring Road), **6.30 am to 9 am.**

Abhiruchi Prakashana, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS), Hasiru Sene, Niranthara, Swaraj Abhiyana, Manava Mantapa, Mysuru: 'K.P. Purnachandra Tejaswi - Hakki Pukka,' two-day programme, Bird Watching, Raitha Sangha youth leader Darshan Puttannaiah inaugurates, Kukkarahalli Lake, **7 am;** 'Tejaswi kanda keeta prapancha' by University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, Shivamogga (Asst. Professor Dr. Revanna), Padma Sriram inaugurates, Suchitra Art Gallery, Kalamandira premises, **10 am;** Book release — An English translation of Purnachandra Tejaswi's 'Jugari Cross' by Ravi Hanj — by wildlife photographers duo Krupakar-Senani, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **10.30 am;** screening of documentary and special lecture, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **11.30 am onwards.**

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama: Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha programmes by Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Junior Pontiff of Avadhoota Datta Peetha, discourse on Yoga Vashishta by Sri Swamiji, **7.30 am;** Sri Chakra Puja, Veda Chanting, Maha Ganapathy Homa, **8.30 am;** Satsang, Discourse, **6.30 pm;** Kakada Aarti to Lord Dattatreya, Ashrama premises, Datta Nagar, Ooty Road, **8 pm.**

Sirigannada Vedike, Mysuru District and City Units and Women's Unit: Prize distribution to the winners of State-level Poetry Contest and Poets' Meet, Vedike Mysuru President A. Hemaganga presides, cultural patron K. Raghuram inaugurates, Vedike State President M.S. Venkataramaiah and Vice-Principal from Mandya Dr. Sumarani Shanbhu chief guests, Namana Kalamantapa, Krishnamurthypuram, **10 am.**

Bharata Darshitwa Trust, Karnataka Rajya Sarvajana Mahila Hitarakshana Vedike and Arora Educational Trust, Mysuru: Najarshi Nalwadi Award Presentation, retd. Professor Pradhana Gurudatta inaugurates, awardees - retd. Addl. Director of Backward Classes Welfare Department M. Ramaiah and journalist, critic and playwright Ravindra Joshi; Trust Founder-President Dr. M. Kannika presides, Maneyangala, Kalamandira premises, **10.30 am.**

Mysuru Jilla Travels Malikara Vividoddesha Sahakara Sangha Niyamita: Annual General Body Meeting, Janani Janmabhumi auditorium, #32/1, CH-15, Aravindanagar 4th Main, **10.30 am.**

Basava Samiti - Hebbal-Vijayanagar, Mysuru and Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Chamaraja Constituency Unit, Mysuru: Sharana Sangama - 258 and Endowment Programme, talk on 'Sharanara Anubhava Parikalpane' by Dr. B.V. Vasantakumar, felicitation to progressive farmer Talur Somashekar, Samiti President H.V. Basavaraju presides, Basava Bhavana, CA-5, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **11 am.**

Om Ever by Smita Art School [Mob: 99161-13919 or 81230-70687]: Fun Fair and Drawing & Painting Competition, **11 am to 1 pm;** Best Out of Waste Competition, Lions Club Hall of Jayalakshmipuram (opposite Vijaynagar Police Station), **2.30 pm to 4.30 pm.**

Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha: 44th annual Sri Swarna Gowri and Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swami Puja Mahotsava, Dasoha Programme, **11 am;** Mahamangalarati, **12.30 pm;** Prasada Viniyoga, **1.30 pm;** Procession, Kanti Mallanna Kalyana Mandira, Kabir Road, **3.30 pm.**

Asha Mandira Okkoota, Mysuru and Samvahana Publications: Book release — 'Soorilladavarige Sooru - Asha Mandira Yashogathe' penned by former CITB (City Improvement Trust Board) Chairman and former MLC D. Madegowda — by Pejawar Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji, Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama President Sri Muktidanandaji presides, educationist H.L. Satish speaks about the book, MP Pratap Simha, MLAs S.A. Ramdas, Tanveer Sait and L. Nagendra chief guests, litterateur Dr. CPK (C.P. Krishna Kumar), Scholar Prof. K.B. Prabhuprasad will be present, Town Hall, **4 pm.**

Aradhya Mahasabha: Ganeshotsava - Puja and Prasada Viniyoga, Aradhya Mahasabha premises, Chamundipuram, **5.30 pm.**

Charu Samskrutika Pratishtana: Cultural Fest, Staging of play 'Balasaraswati - Natya Saraswati' (based on life story of Bharatanatyam artiste **Balasaraswati**), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**

Raaga Vaibhava Trust, Mysuru: Classical Hindustani Sitar Recital by Ustad Shafique Khan, accompanied by Pandit D.K. Satalingappa on tabla, Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivratanandaji speaks on 'Kaliyugada Vyasa Sri Mahendranatha Gupta,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

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